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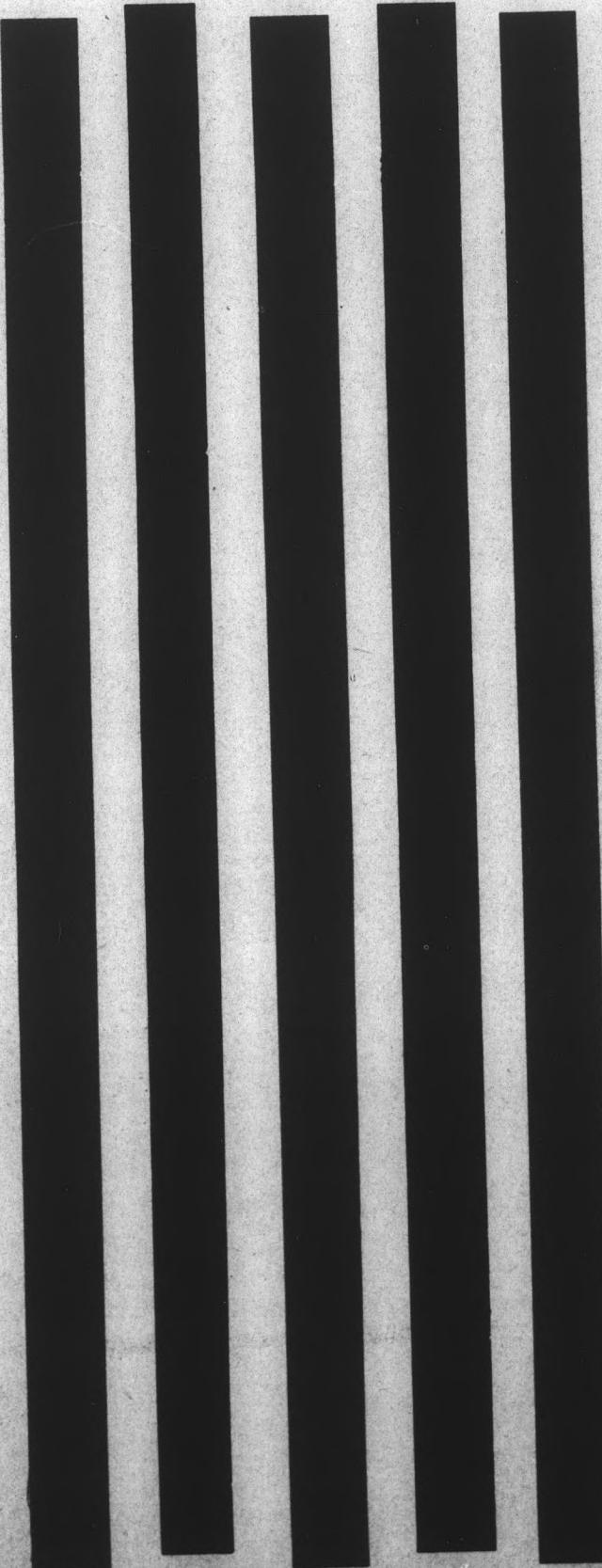
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## POTERVILLE

# VETERANS DAY

AND  
Homecoming



## HALF CENTURY OF TRADITION BEHIND CELEBRATION GOES BACK TO ARMISTICE DAY AT END OF WORLD WAR



**FIFTY YEARS** - half a century - of local tradition lies behind the 1968 Veterans' Day and Homecoming celebration that is coming up in Porterville next Monday, November 11, under sponsorship of Post 20, The American Legion, and Mount Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Pictures reflect back to those early days, when the American Legion boys put on the annual Armistice Day celebration, with top photo showing a float built around the theme of the most popular poem to come out of World War 1, and constructed on a Packard truck from Commercial Transfer, then operated by Jim Moore and Tony Gomez. Lower photo shows marching units of an early-day Armistice parade, moving north on Main street - for a number of years the parades moved south from Morton, as in more recent years, but instead of disbanding, swung around the Vine street school and doubled back down Main street. Obviously, Main street was not cleared of traffic during those early parades.

## FLAGS WAVED, AUTO HORMS SHRIEKED, BELLS RANG, MEN SHOUTED, AS NEWS OF ARMISTICE REACHED PORTERVILLE

It was 30 minutes after midnight, the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 when word reached Porterville by long distance telephone from San Francisco that the World War had ended with the signing of an Armistice by representatives of Germany.

And as reported in newspapers of the day, Porterville went into paroxysms of joy. Flags waved, bells rang, men shouted, and dozens of autos maintained a constant shrieking with all kinds of horns.

Up and down Main street marched a great crowd, shouting itself hoarse in celebration of the greatest victory in the history of human warfare.

The Porterville band appeared, and as it struck up the Star Spangled Banner, the great crowd joined vociferously in the words of the national anthem.

Although the celebration at times became almost riotous and automobiles sped up and down Main street at full speed, there was a general absence of real violence or accidents. One Ford car did overturn, but driver,

Elmer James, crawled out from under, unhurt: the crowd righted the "Lizzie," cranked her, and she went on her way rejoicing.

Several of the churches opened their doors so that their communicants might enter to give thanks to God for victory and vindication of Christianity.

At 4 o'clock in the morning, Acting Mayor Huber proclaimed the day a legal holiday in Porterville in celebration of the end of autocracy and the triumph of democracy.

The proclamation was issued following a meeting in James Book Store attended by Huber, City Trustee Al. G. Minzer, Capt. O. W. Carr, commander of Company No. 97, California Military reserves, and Allen Bullard, C. C. Goodman, H. A. Peterson and others representing the civic and business interests of the city.

The bell in the Fire Engine House pealed forth the glad tidings of victory, and the ringing of the fire bell was the signal for church bells and steam whistles to take up the joyous news.

Telephone messages were sent to all surrounding communities to come and join in the celebration, and a great concourse of people gathered.

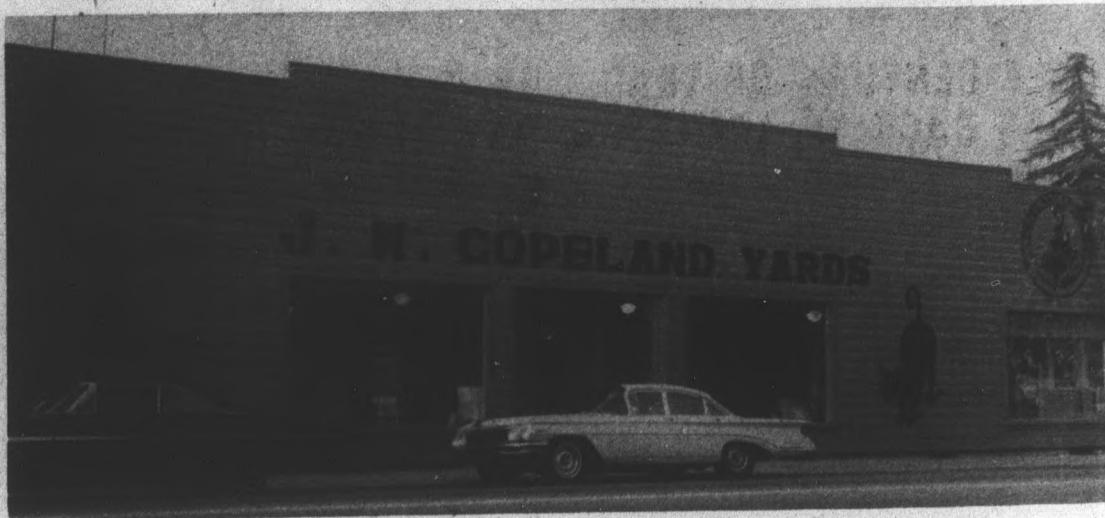
A big parade was formed at 2 p.m., led by the California Military Reserve Company, the High School Cadets, the Boy Scouts and the Porterville band.

Following the parade there was speaking at Main and Cleveland, where a platform had been erected on the vacant lots there. Ten-minute talks were given by Rev. L. A. Wood, Rev. J. A. Milligan, Rev. Mathias Ternes, Rev. C. T. Harrison, Rev. A. Toothaker, Rev. G. G. Schmid, and Leslie McAuliff.

Headlines in an Extra edition of the Porterville Daily Recorder screamed, "Germany Accepts Armistice Terms. William Hohenzollern Flees Into Holland. Revolution Spreads To Many German Cities. Heavy Firing In The Streets Of Berlin. Many Killed And Wounded."

And the Associated Press wire crackled with bulletins: "The armistice has been signed." (Continued On Page 2)

# It's an Old Custom -----



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### FLAGS WAVED

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"By order of President Wilson, Provost Marshal General Crowder has directed the cancellation of all outstanding draft calls, stopping the movement during the next five days of 232,000 men. Secretary Baker announced that so far as possible, all men who have been called and have not completed their training will be immediately turned back to civilian life."

"The people's government has been instituted in the greater part of Berlin. The garrison has joined the government and the workmen and soldiers' council have declared a general strike. Troops with machine guns have been placed at the disposal of the council."

"President Wilson has issued a formal proclamation announcing the armistice with Germany. The president will read the terms of the armistice before a joint meeting of congress tomorrow. President Wilson's proclamation said:

"My Fellow Countrymen: The armistice was signed this morning. Everything for which America has fought has been accomplished. It will be our fortunate duty to assist by example and sober and friendly council and by material aid with the establishment of just

democracy throughout the world."

And the celebration continued in Porterville. Hardly had the afternoon parade started when an illumination was seen in the southeastern part of town. It proved to be Sam Riley's barn on fire. Police stated that the fire was set and that incendiaries were seen in the act of setting it. The barn was practically a total loss.

Capt. Carr ordered men of Company 97, California Military Reserves, to assemble at Holston's pavilion, with arms.

The Rev. Mr. Milligan, in the morning, made an announcement from an automobile, the Reservists shielding him with large flags while he spoke. He said he would not attempt to make a speech because the people were too hilarious, but he did declare that the moment was one of the most important in the history of the world, and that all over the world men and women were celebrating the end of autocracy as were the people of Porterville at that very moment. Loud cheering greeted the speaker's brief remarks.

All day people milled up and down the street and the band played patriotic music with such a fervor as Porterville had never heard before.

During the afternoon, there appeared from the north a hundred automobiles loaded with revelers from Visalia, Lindsay, Exeter, and other of the neighboring towns. Another and even more pretentious and enthusiastic parade was formed and the din of cheering visitors and Porterville townspeople was deafening.

In the last procession through the business district were many homemade floats which expressed the sentiment of the people of this country. The kaiser in effigy was a favorite theme, and led in popularity that of the Crown Prince.

Several sticks of dynamite were exploded by persons unknown in the Mentz lots on Mill street near the business district during the celebration. J. O. Clayton who was walking across the property at the time, had a narrow escape from death. Windows in surrounding business buildings were cracked.

Reports from other towns of the valley indicated that the crowd in Porterville was perhaps the largest and noisiest of them all, and certainly must have been in cumulative enthusiasm, continuing as it did for hours.

Monte Hornbeak, whose place of business, The Stag, was used as the center for display of news bulletins, stayed on the job for 18 hours, handling bulletins, and as a climax to the celebration, handed out free cigars to all his customers.

Even at a late hour the greatest of latitude was given the crowds and the only rule issued by the police was, "Don't shoot the officers or burn down the buildings."

(Ed. Note: That was Porterville's reaction to the signing of the armistice 50 years ago. By the following year, Porterville had an active American Legion post, and the annual Armistice Day

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FLOATS LOOKED like these in the early days of Porterville Armistice Day parades - now Veterans' day and Homecoming - that is set for next Monday, November 11. In top photo background is the Price store; (the building was originally constructed by Porterville's founder, Royal Porter Putnam) in more recent years it was Price-Hodgson, then Hodgson's

and now, after complete demolition of the original building, the modern Thrifty Drug store is in this location. Visible also is a sign, Mulholand's Cafe, which was located where Toppers Jewelers now is, and which was the early-day location of Scotty's Chop House.

(Hammond Studio photos)

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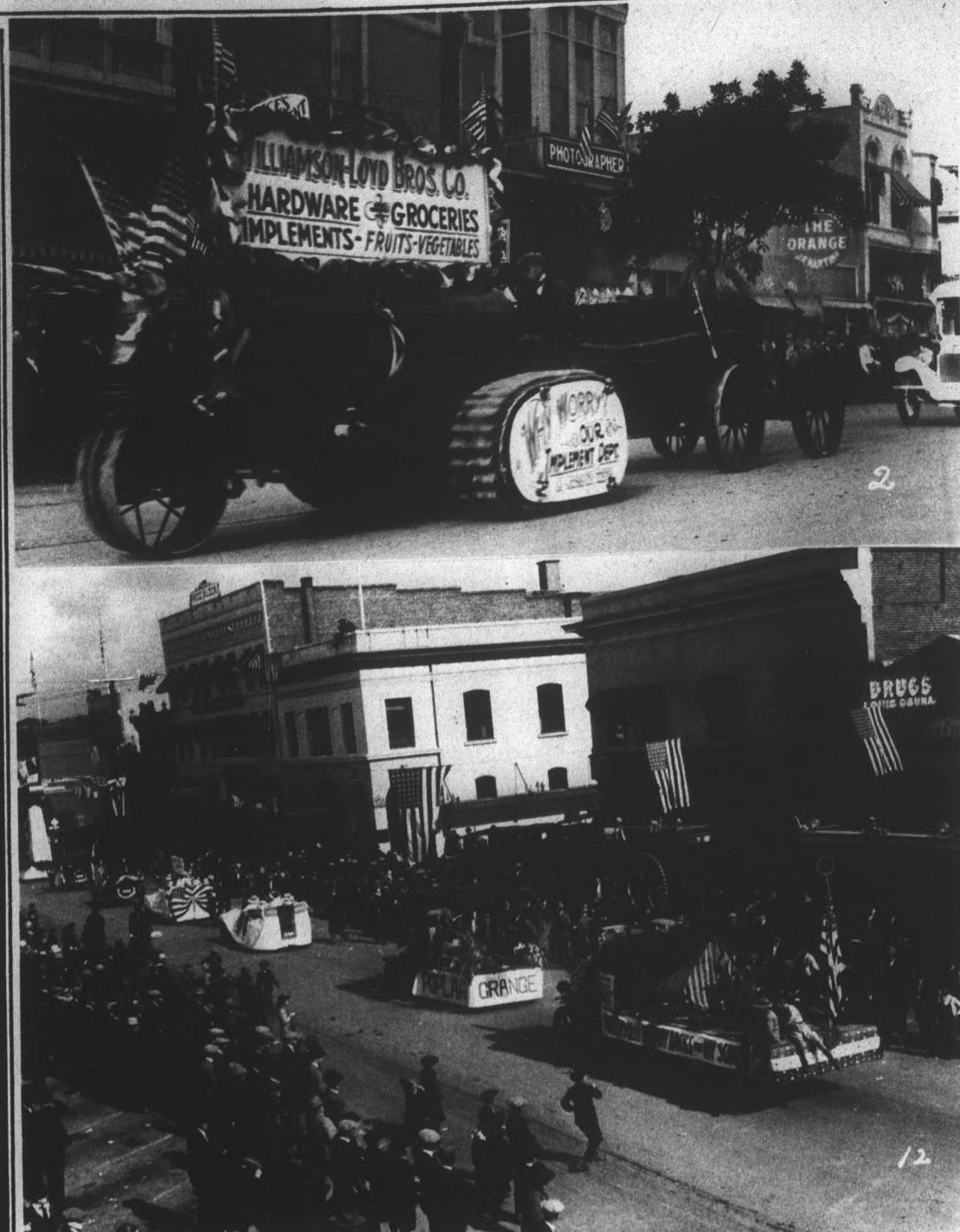
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CROWDS JAMMED Porterville in the early days of the November 11 celebration, just as they do after 50 years, with pictures pretty well telling the story of the parade in the Old Days. However, background is of interest, since there have been some changes on the Main street scene. Top photo, taken in front of present location of Thrifty drug, shows the old Porter Putnam building, with Hammond photography studio in an upstairs section and with Bullards below; Price Hardware occupied the rest of the building. The Orange is where The United is now located, and on the corner, right, was Estes Hardware. In lower photo Louis

Osuna's White Front Drug store is on the right; Lamkin Clothing company was in the building that now, after extensive remodelling, houses United Savings and Loan association; the old First National Bank building now houses Beneficial Finance and Judie's; in the Price block building, remodelled into the Famous Department store after World War II and now housing Sears, was the Price Hotel upstairs and Georg's grocery and A. Nernof, Leading Tailor, downstairs. On the corner where the Hi-Lo is now located is a sign for the Calderwood hotel, that was upstairs in this building.

(Hammond Studio photos)

## First Women Elected To State Assembly

NOVEMBER, 1918

California is perfectly willing that her daughters should vote, but she is somewhat dubious about the advisability of putting them in office, as was shown by Tuesday's election in which only four out of 12 women candidates were elected.

These four were all Republicans, and all were elected to the State Assembly. They were the first women ever sent to the California legislature.

## TALK OF THIRD SEX IS PURE ROT SAYS BRITISH MINISTER

NOVEMBER, 1918

G. H. Roberts, the British minister of labor, thinks that talk of a "third sex" and a "sex war" growing out of women's great part in the war is pure rot.

He said so in a speech the other night, contending that "women will always be swayed by love and home."

The war has brought about a million and a half additional women into employment in Britain. About a third of the British munition workers are women.

A quartet of women Socialists was overwhelmingly defeated for the Assembly.

Elected were Elizabeth Hughes, of Oroville; Esto Broughton, of Modesto; Grace Dorris, of Bakersfield; and Anna L. Saylor in the forty-first district.

The Socialists, who had several women on their state and executive tickets, polled a very light vote and none of their candidates won.

## FLAGS WAVED

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celebration was started by members of the Legion, who continued it until after World War II, when the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Legion teamed up to stage the November 11 celebration that later became known as Veterans' day and Porterville Homecoming.)

Native Daughters of the Golden West will again sponsor an Old Timers tea in connection with the 50th annual Veterans' day and Homecoming, November 11.

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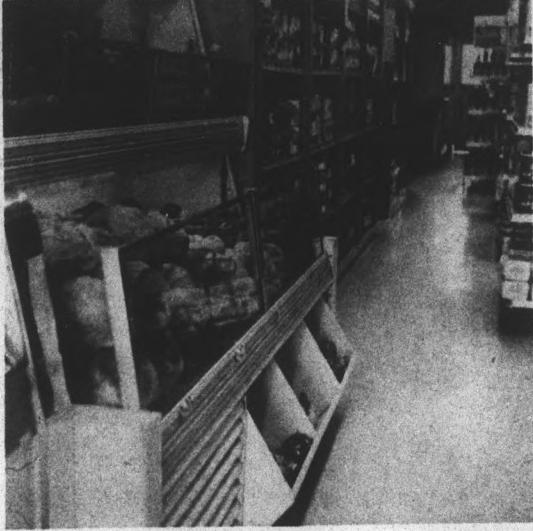
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## NEWS NOTES FROM FIFTY YEARS AGO

DECEMBER, 1918

With a total enrollment of something like 1500 memberships since the opening of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, the drive for memberships is being continued with unabated energy.

N. M. Ball, manager of the Concrete Pipe and Construction company of Porterville, was in Bakersfield yesterday where he signed contracts for \$2,000 worth of work installing pipe lines for orange grove irrigation systems in the Edison district.

J. Harold Cloer arrived home from Pomona College where he has been a member of the students' army training corps, which is now being demobilized.

Poplar ranchers are putting in a large acreage of wheat and barley since the season promises to be so favorable.

Animal diseases and insect pests will be the subject of the regular meeting of the Poplar Farm Bureau Center, December 20. This meeting marks the close of the first year's work for the Tulare County Farm Bureau.

Dr. D. A. Beattie of San Jose is in Porterville to look after his orchard property located northeast of the city.

Captain H. J. Willey has left for Camp Kearney after a visit with his family.

A carload of material for addition of a pipe organ at the Monache theater has arrived, but will be stored pending arrival of the organ mechanic who is to do the work. The Monache will have one of the best pipe organs in the valley.

Among Woodville people who attended the sale at the Tagus ranch were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Monroe and daughter, Miss Verna; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carlisle, Vernon Futrell, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Griffin and daughter Miss Rita; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Griffin, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

LaMarsna and daughter, Estha. J. W. Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burris and two children, Johnnie and Elva, from Woodville, were recent visitors in Springville.

To facilitate the work of placing returning soldiers and sailors in their old jobs, it is earnestly desired that all corporations, persons, and others who formerly employed anyone who left to enter the service of the United States government, communicate with Rollin R. Harris, of Visalia, county chairman of the Army and Navy placement committee of the State Council of Defense.

Edw. F. Halbert will head the local lodge of Knights of Pythias next year, and Lester J. Skidmore will enter on his third year as keeper of records and seal. Other lodge officers are: A. L. Stone, E. F. Parsons, R. A. Gardner, F. M. Ferguson, W. L. Graham, W. W. Brown, F. W. Frank, B. C. Petticrew, and Carl F. Loyd.

Canvassing the official returns of the special election in the Springville Judicial township last week, called because of a tie vote on November 5th, the supervisors found W. E. Talbot elected justice of the peace by two votes.

A reception was given at the home of Rev. W. H. Althouse honoring Miss Esther Althouse and Arthur Althouse on the eve of their departure for Los Angeles, where they will resume their school work.

Work is to be started soon by the Southern Pacific to reduce the danger of the grade crossing over the company's right-of-way on Morton street.

Dr. C. Edgar Smith, who is here from Redondo Beach, has rented his property at the corner of Main and Cleveland streets to the Union Sales Co. with the understanding that an oil station

and accessories store is to be placed on the property at once.

The suggestion is being made that school officials forego the usual teachers' institute this year and thus aid in making up the time which has been lost from classes because of the influenza epidemic.

Joe Shore, who has been on the submarine L-6 in home waters, reached Europe with his craft just as the armistice was signed.

To all practical purposes the restriction on the sale of sugar has been lifted, and grocers are no longer being required to secure certificates. Prospect is for a heavy cane crop in Louisiana, and raw sugar is coming into eastern ports from Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin have received word that their son, Roswell, has just received his commission as a lieutenant.

Kenneth Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fuller, suffered a dislocated and fractured shoulder while wrestling on the school playground.

Recent visitors in Porterville were: Jack Byers, from the Worth district; Mrs. J. E. McFarland, from Springville; Mrs. Jacob Brott, from Hot Springs; Cleve Ferguson, from the Poplar district; and Mrs. A. L. McWherber, from Success.

Final meeting of the 1918 Tulare County Grand Jury has been called by Foreman E. L. Scott, of Porterville. Also serving on the jury are Mrs. Sol Rodgers and Mrs. H. S. Templeton, of Porterville.

## ANYONE CAN WHIP JACK DEMPSEY - AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY

MARCH, 1922

When William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey isn't within swinging distance, most of the next-under heavies will "stop him" any time they get a couple of listeners.

Bill Brennan has been knocked out twice by the champion, but he contends he was the victim of an accident - twice. The third time the accident will bounce back on Dempsey, he says.

Acting on advice, Harry Wills isn't saying anything, but he has plenty of mouthpieces who will picture Dempsey flat on the floor in about three rounds.

Even Harry Greb will whip the heavyweight king twice a day if he gets an audience. According to Greb, he whipped the champion so badly when he was acting as his sparring partner before the Brennan fight that Dempsey will hardly speak to him now.

After hearing so much about Dempsey's downfall, it is

unusual to find one contender who says he is not the superior of the champion.

Tom Gibbons is the "freak". He says that Dempsey is the greatest heavyweight in the ring, and that he doesn't want anything to do with him for at least a year.

But Gibbons looks to be the best in the group from which Dempsey may select his next opponent.

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## CAMP NELSON PARTY

DECEMBER, 1922

Snow, and lots of it, was found by a group that spent from Thursday to Saturday at Camp Nelson. Enjoying the party were Marion Haskell, Esther Frame, Marjorie Finch, Smith Bihens, Dick Jenkins, and the host, Nelson Smith.

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By Al Hilton

The early days in the harvest fields in the 1900's were much different than the harvests of today, as seen in the picture taken near Waitsburg, Washington in 1907. Your writer was one of the header-box drivers in the upper right hand corner.

Two headers, used for a thrasher such as pictured here, pulled or pushed by six horses, and four boxes each with four horses abreast for greater movability, were constantly on the go.

You will note that the boxes are higher on the left side than the right as the low side was made so the header spout could extend over in order for the grain to go into the wagon and still carry a good sized load. Then you will note also that the box in the center of the picture (without horses) is tilted greatly as the low side wheels are in holes dug by the driver making a low manger for the horses to eat at night. They ate the grain the same as cut for the separator.

The engine that propelled the separator is like the one in our Porterville Museum owned by Ed Jones. It was fed with straw, carried around from the blower-spout at the right end of the separator; the short coupled wagon with high rack is used when the engine is moved from job to job. They usually cut and thrashed about 160 to 200 acres at each setting as with more acres the header boxes could not keep the separator supplied.

Now let's have a look at the separator. You will note the tall derrick with pully and cable, this is to lift the entire load of grain by way of a net from the header boxes. It would be securely

fastened on the high side of the box and lay at the bottom with a 2x4 and ring on the other side for the derrick cable to hook into and a two-horse team, as seen at the left, would pull the entire load into the derrick table in one short operation.

There were three men working on the table that pulled the grain into the feeder drapes, they were called the hoe-down crew, two working and one resting for a half hour and rotating with the others, the toughest job of the outfit except one which we will mention later.

There was a separator tender and sometimes an oiler, there were many chain sprockets and leather belts and pulleys on each side of the separator to cause trouble. When one belt or drape came off, about 20 men would stop working.

On the close side of the separator you will note four men - two are sack sewers and two buckers. The buckers would carry the sacks of grain, about 160 pounds, to the pile after they were sewed. These men would have to be fast as the grain rolled out of the machine quite rapidly.

There was a sack gig also, this fellow would hook the burlap sacks on the double spout and when one was full would turn the lever so that the wheat would pour into the second sack. He would then place the full one in front of one of the sewers, then would have only seconds to place on another sack before the second one had filled.

The sack sewers were skilled in their profession, they would cut a skein of twine at one end that had been prepared especially for this purpose and place it on two sacks of wheat

with a new sack placed over it with the loop end at their right. This also would be their seat for the duration of this setting.

The sewer would snap a spring-eyed needle over a loop and pull it out for the sack twine, form the sack on a straight line and throw a double half-hitch over the extreme end and then sew the sack, about seven stitches and then another double half-hitch making the second ear. This would take about five or six seconds and the bucker would grab the sack and take off for the pile.

The man with the six horse team at the extreme left was the water hauler, he would make many trips daily to the river, creek or well, which ever was the most convenient. It required a powerful lot of water for 64 horses and the engine. You will note the smaller water wagon next to the engine and there was a portable water trough which was always kept full. It would take a trough and tank full for the horses three times a day. The men would drink it also.

Over by the three Poplar trees is the cook shack, a little one-room house on wheels where two women prepared the 'grub' for the men. It was a combination kitchen and dining room. A screen door at one end and a large wood-burning stove at the other.

Two long narrow tables would seat seven men on each side. The outside benches extended a foot or more to the outside and it was a little tough for the fellers to swing up to their place at the table. Sometimes we were hungry enough to climb to the roof if necessary.

One thing certain, the 'grub'

had to be good in order to keep the men happy. It would be placed on the tables in large bowls. One for about six men filled with potatoes, gravy, boiled beef in large man-sized chunks, beans and other vegetables if available, large pitchers of water, milk sometimes, and always plenty of coffee. Two big gallon-size coffee pots were always full.

For dessert we would have mostly pie, each pie would be cut in quarters, six or seven pies would do the job. Sometimes huge bowls of doughnuts would be served and I would sneak out an extra one for a mid-day snack.

Each man furnished his own bed, about two blankets or quilts, and in the late fall would double up with another feller. We would sleep in the newly-threshed straw mostly in a long row to keep the colts away from us. But it didn't always work. They were free to run around all nite and sometimes they would walk all over us.

One moonlight nite I 'woke' up and there was a colt standing right over my face. I considered the problem a little and decided to have some fun as he was pointed down the row of sleeping men, so I gave him the best punch in the belly that I could muster and ducked quickly. He went across all the beds stepping in faces and on bellies. I never heard so much cussin' and yellin' in my whole born days. The fellers couldn't imagine what could have spooked him like that.

One thing we all had in common was a good supply of whiskey. When we got up at daybreak we all took a big swig or two then rolled the demijohn into our beds and there it would

remain until the next morning. That was called an eye opener. We rolled and tied our beds as we might move any time and besides we tried to keep the dust out of them.

There was another job I had one time called a roustabout. I would have to go to town about three or four times a week and fetch supplies for the cooks, and sometimes the whiskey supply was the largest. Half of the men needed something like shirts, overalls, gloves, socks, chawin' tobacco (they could not smoke as everything around them was inflammable) and supplies for the wagons, harness and machinery.

We wagon drivers received a dollar and a half per day, the sack sewers two and half, and the engineer and separator tender three dollars all for 10 hours, a normal day's work.

Sunday was a day of rest. Some took off for home if they lived close. The rest of us usually went to the river for our weekly bath. Most wore light full length underwear and would soap the underwear over completely while they had it on and jump into the river and have a swim thereby taking care of their laundry and a weekly bath at the same time. When soap was all rinsed out they removed the underwear, dried themselves with their private towel, put on clean underwear, laundered their shirt and overalls, donned clean clothes from the duffle bags and they were good for another week.

There were 64 horses in this outfit, 30 men, two cooks and several rascal colts. Today one man on a small combine and a man on a tight dump truck can do the job.

The hills are steep up around Walla Walla and Pendleton. One feller from the East said that farmers farmed three sides of their land. He was about right.



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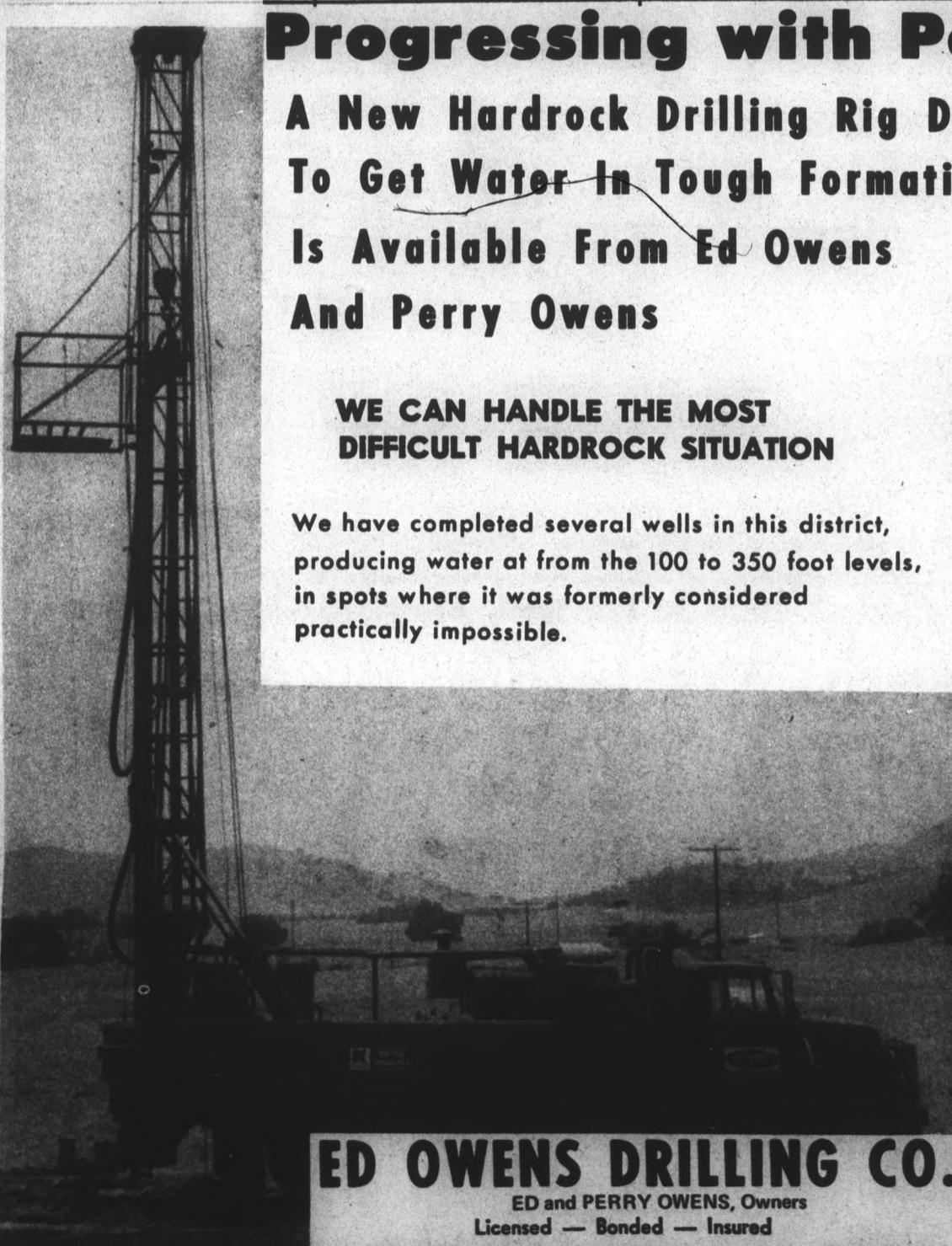
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**CHARTER APPLICATION PREPARED  
FOR FORMATION OF LEGION POST**

JULY, 1919

Fifteen service men of Porterville have signed a formal application for a charter for a local post of the American Legion. This application, which was circulated by Harry P. Pohlman, will be forwarded to temporary state officials without delay.

When the temporary charter has been granted, a meeting for the organization of the post is to be held.

The signers for the charter are I. Jay Booth, W. Lester Lamkin, Charles E. Cole, Roscoe V. Richardson, C. R. Garrison, E. H. Gibson, B. L. Price, J. Claude Nelson, Fred Saak, S. R. Scruggs, Vernon L. Hall, D. R. Lightner, Vernon E. Thompson, H. J. Willey, and Pohlman.

Organization in Porterville was given impetus following a visit to this city by C. E. Palmen, of Chicago, who was a delegate to the St. Louis convention at which the temporary organization of the American Legion was perfected.

A bill authorizing the incorporation of the "American Legion", composed of veterans of the world war, has been

introduced into Congress by Representative Johnson of South Dakota.

Principal purposes of the organization, as outlined by Mr. Johnson, are to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States, to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy for which members of the military and naval forces contended in the war, to maintain law and order, and to foster and perpetuate a one-hundred percent Americanism.

In Porterville, it is indicated that the question of re-employment of men who were in the service will be given the earnest attention of the new American Legion post. There are several flagrant examples in this city, it is said, of failure to reemploy worthy service men on their return home, and the post officials and members intend to make this an issue.

It is understood that those who are responsible for this condition are to be asked to explain to the members of the post why such action was taken by them.

**City Planning Work Badly Needed;  
Prospect Of Building Laws Change**

DECEMBER, 1918

Members of the Porterville City Council have given indication they intend in the future to have closer supervision of the platting and other details of proposed additions to the city, and that they will, in the future, exercise more authority with regard to enforcement of the building laws.

It is pointed out by the city officials that hit-or-miss plan was used in a number of instances, and as a result there is a most evident lack of uniformity in grade, width, and other details of streets and alleys.

This has, in a number of cases, complicated in a great degree the efficient work of the City Engineer and the City Superintendent of Streets.

There is also a prospect that a change will be made in the building laws, whereby it will be possible for city officials to exercise supervision over the construction of new buildings of all types.

This will mean supervision of heating plants, one or two business houses in this city at the present time being equipped, it is said, with furnaces of faulty type and of a character to constitute a continuous fire menace.

**DIRECTORS ELECTED  
FOR SUNLAND  
PACKING COMPANY**

MARCH, 1922

Five directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year at a meeting of stockholders of the Sunland Packing company: C. E. Robin, W. Philip Smith, E. I. Barnes, Walter D. Emery, and A. Skinkle.

Robin was elected president of the board; Smith, vice president; F. W. Velie, treasurer; W. S. Shippey, secretary; and Barnes, assistant secretary.

Shippey, who has been secretary of the company for the five years it has been in Porterville, reported that 57 cars of Navel oranges were shipped this season, and that probably 50 cars of Valencias will be packed.

Stockholders unanimously endorsed a proposal to spend \$10,000 on new equipment.

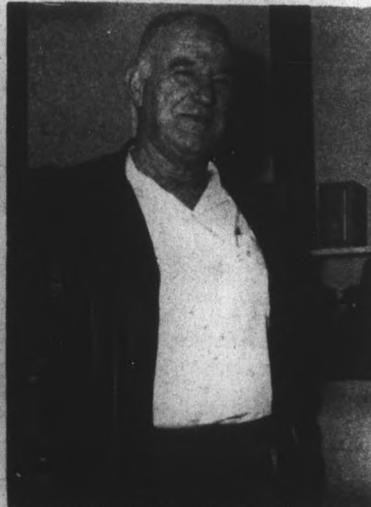
**OLIVES WANTED  
BY PACKER**

JULY, 1919

Secretary Laumeister, of the Porterville chamber of commerce, has a letter from a New York packer requesting information as to olive growers who desire to sell their fruit direct from the orchard. Growers are being contacted to see if they are interested.



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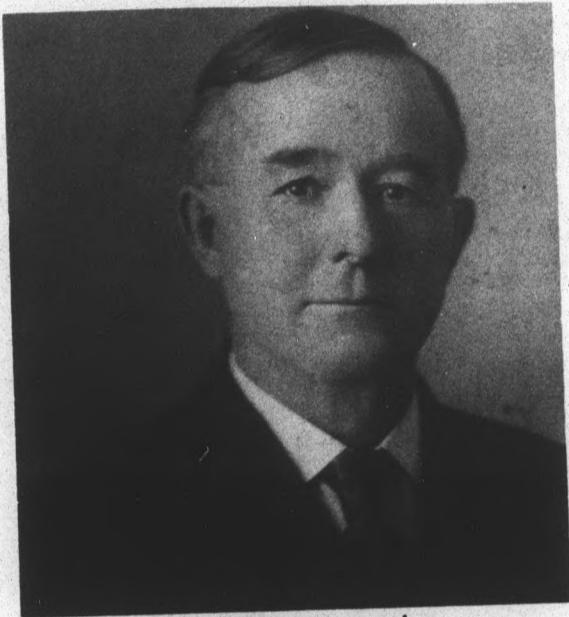
The Central Garage building is still there - now it's Joe Cobb Auto Parts; the Catholic church,

in background, is long gone; the vacant space adjacent to the garage is now the location of the

building that houses Lindel Chrysler-Plymouth; and the cars - that's probably the greatest

collection of "Tin Lizzie" Ford ever shown in Porterville up to that time.

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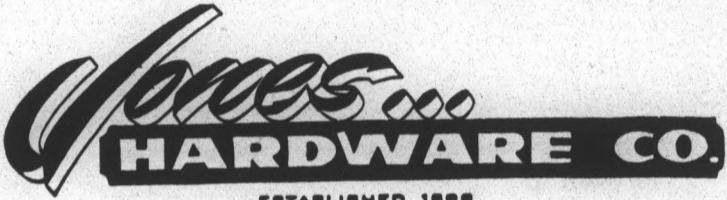
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## LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

NOVEMBER, 1918

The Huns are on the run, says Lovell Wilson, known in his days of football stardom as "Fat" Wilson, in a letter written while he was on his way up to the front lines in France.

"Seems funny that we don't always have the time to write, but it is a fact. We have been on the go all the time lately, and we sure have been seeing things."

"The papers are right as to the way things are going, and a whole lot more is due to happen quick. Watch us go. The war is a game of checkers and it is the German's move or we will jump them."

"We have been travelling at night and have tried to sleep in the day time, but there is too much going on for a great deal of rest. There has been plenty of work and a lot to see."

"As a fellow said the other day, 'This is a hell of a war, but it's the only one we have and we must make the best of it.'

"Probably you hear through the papers more about the war than we do, but you may rest assured Uncle Sam is the stuff over here and that we are with him to a man. We want to get it over with and get back home, but the Kaiser is going to be licked and the old Ninety-First is going to do its part."

The Army boys who are serving with the Expeditionary forces in Siberia are well cared for and the weather there has been warm. This is the message contained in a letter from Alvin Wymore to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wymore, of Porterville.

"We have been here about a week now. This apparently was a rich country at one time, but everything is run down and nothing looks like it has been

cared for. The cities are crowded with people from all parts of the world, speaking all kinds of languages so that when you walk down the streets from the sounds you hear you could not tell what part of the world you are in. There appears to be plenty to eat and little sign of suffering.

"Women are in charge of the railway lines. The fare is two and four cents in our money for first and second class, per mile. Some of the places here refuse to accept American money."

"I have seen some of the fellows that I know and that has helped keep things pleasant. I am much better satisfied here than I ever expected to be."

I have seen Charlie McCabe several times. Frank McKelvey is stationed near me but I have not had a chance to see him yet."

From Somewhere in Belgium came word from Corporal Barton C. Sheela: "We were on the lines at the time the armistice was signed and it sure seemed great when you couldn't hear those big shells bursting around you and the Huns had quit shooting at you. I guess you can imagine what a relief it was."

"We have been at the front three different times, but it wasn't so bad, only you saw so many horrible sights."

"I never saw happier people than the Belgians when the Germans had been driven out of their homes. They were scared at first of the Americans."

"They didn't know what kind of soldiers we were, but after they found out we were Americans, they ran out of the houses yelling like mad men. They would throw their hands up in the air, get down on their knees and go through all kinds of maneuvers."

"We were all speculating on when the war would be over. Now we are speculating on when we will be home. Some think by Christmas, but I hardly think so. That would be too good to be true. They can't send us home too soon to suit me."

"Don't worry about sending me money for I am not broke yet and I still have a couple of months pay coming."

Indirect word has been received that Lt. Howard Estes of Porterville is seriously ill in a base hospital in France. He was in command of a platoon of men that was trapped in a shell hole by a barrage of fire during a major attack of the American army. He and his men were compelled to remain in the hole for three days and nights before they were rescued.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. G. A. Richardson, Roscoe Richardson, who is serving with the Army Engineers, writes from France:

"It seems hardly possible that we have travelled so far from good old California, but here we are in France."

"The customs of the country are a curiosity to us, especially in transportation, but they seem to get by and that is all that is necessary. One seldom sees a wagon, nearly everything is hauled in carts. It is not uncommon to see one little sway-backed horse hitched to a cart with what would be a load for two good horses in the states."

"We are eating good U.S.A. grub and can smoke Yankee tobacco. We can buy our supplies just as cheaply as in the United States. Believe me, Uncle Sam is looking after the boys right."

**LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS**

Ralph Martin wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Martin of the Plano district, a few days after the armistice:

"The war is over. My division held the honored position and helped a lot to bring peace so soon. I am situated at Dun-sur-Meuse. It was a hard post to take, and my division received many citations for gallant work.

"I expect to be home in a few months. Enough of excitement for some time.

"The town where I am is behind a high bluff on the Meuse river. Some of the inhabitants are returning. They walk down the street where they live. If their house is destroyed, they set patiently to rebuilding; if it is not, they smile.

"Farther back of the lines, the country is much worse shot up. The towns are nothing but ruins. Not even walls standing. Nothing but heaps of stone. The roads need constant work to be passable. Some of the hills are undermined with dugouts. Shell holes every foot of the way. No woods to be seen, sometimes a stump full of shot and shell. How the civilians of America would look for souvenirs. He who wrote it named it right when he said, "Bleeding France." War is a terrible beast."

Clarence E. King, with the medical detachment of the 147th artillery, wrote to J. B. Lockyer: "I suppose more men are going from Porterville. They must be getting them from somewhere for France is alive with American troops. Everywhere one goes the U.S. uniform is seen, and I have travelled a lot in the past four months, having been in four of the active sectors. Had six days

of so-called rest in that time.

"Have been recently over what used to be No Man's Land, now territory in the hands of the Allies. It was rightly named. I wonder why Sherman put it so mildly when he said war is hell. It's a great life at that, but being under shell fire with no cover certainly does give a man a funny feeling. I would take no price for the experience I have had and I am glad I have been able to be over here and do my bit. The Yanks have done some great work and they are still doing it."

**Material Gathered For Boys Overseas**

NOVEMBER, 1918

Material is being gathered for boys overseas, with Mrs. Cora Baker named chairman of a special Red Cross committee to have charge of mailing Christmas parcels.

Working with Mrs. Baker are Mesdames F. W. Velie, A. J. Newberry, and U. B. Wilson, and Postmaster Geo. C. Murphy.

Mrs. A. S. Mapes is in charge of collecting phonograph records to be donated to men in the service. She says 210 records have been turned in to her so far.

Valuable booklets for men who are going into the service are being made available through the Red Cross, with Mrs. H. C. Carr in charge of this work.

The booklets, that answer all the questions a man leaving for military duty might have, can be picked up from M. M. Hornbeck at Clabues Pharmacy; from Cobb Drug company, and from Lamkin-Graham company.

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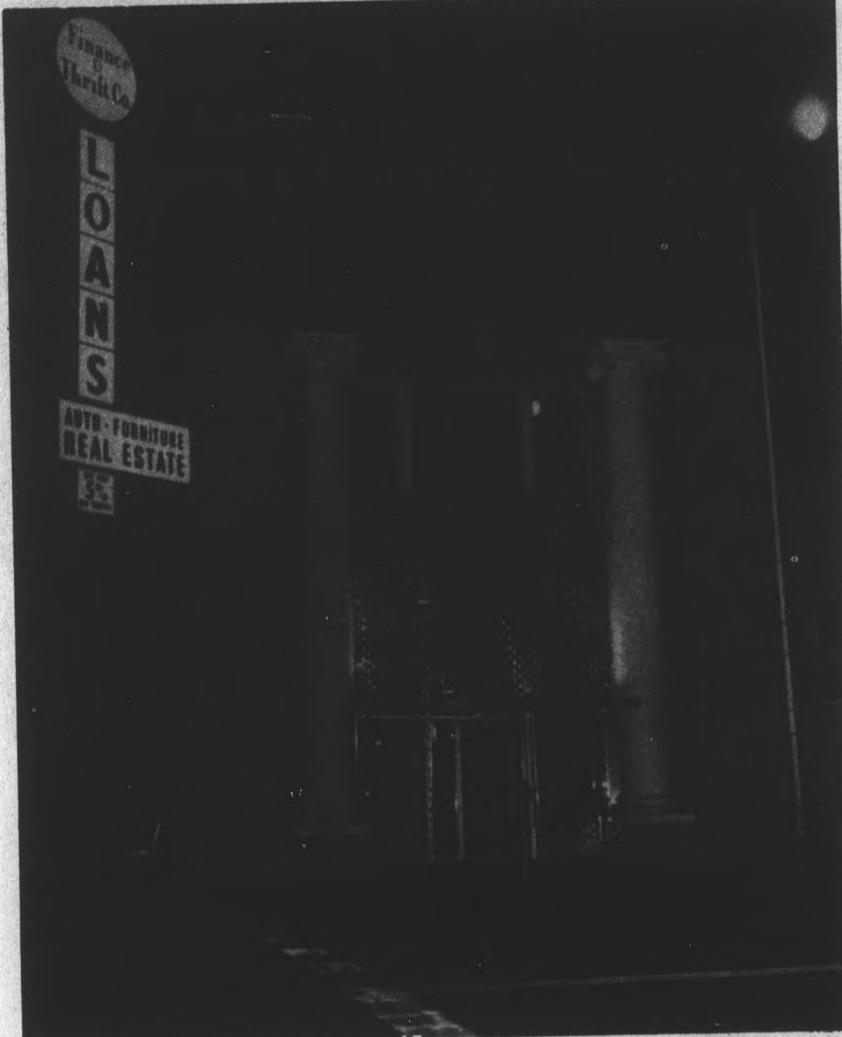

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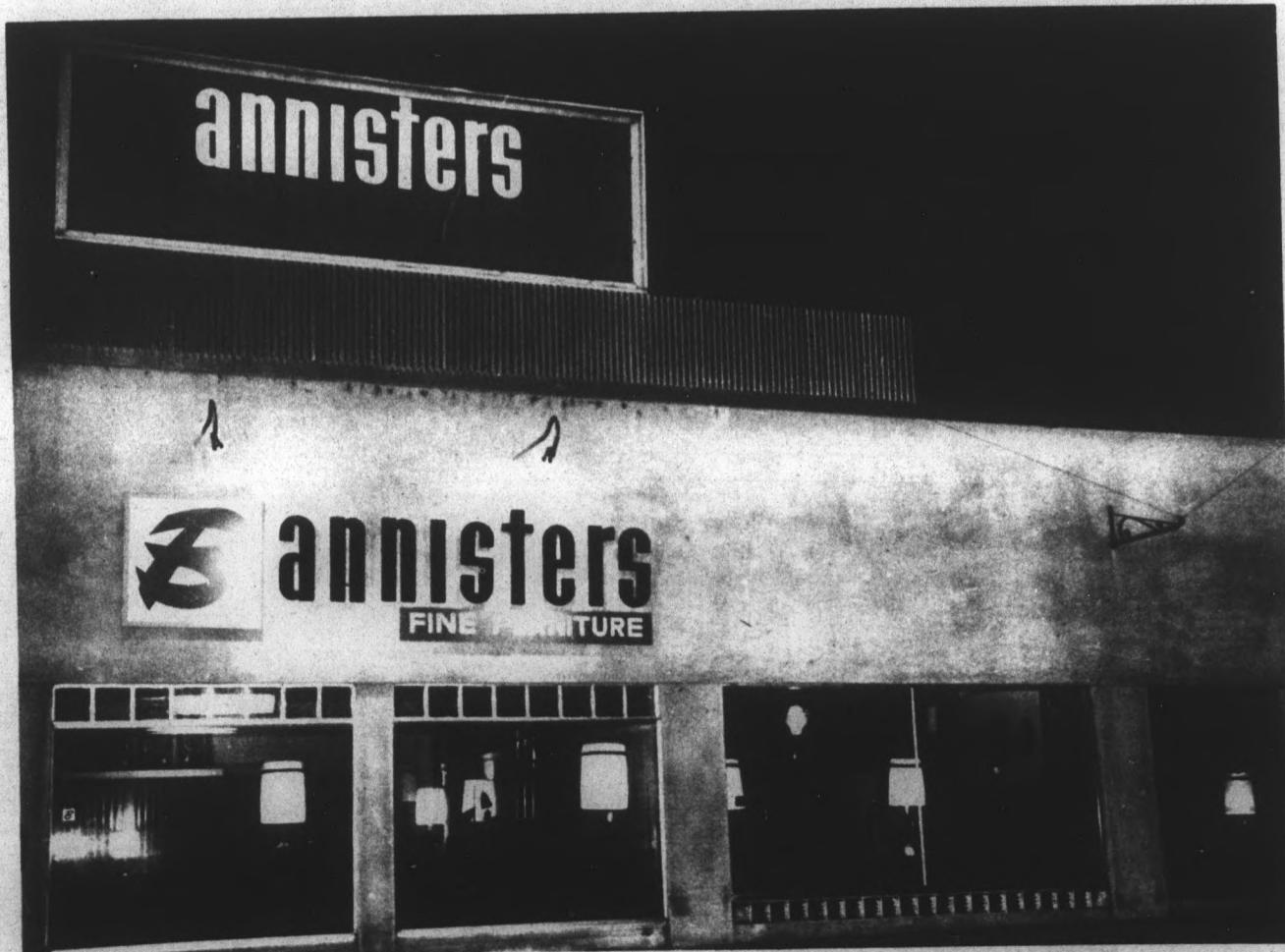
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## President Woodrow Wilson Set Pattern For America In Declaration Of War

Basic philosophies of the foreign policies that have placed America in Vietnam today, and, in other days, in Korea and in World War II, were voiced by President Woodrow Wilson in his declaration of war message to Congress on April 2, 1917. Part of this message follows:

"We are accepting this challenge of hostile purpose because we know that in such a government, (the German government under the Kaiser) following such methods, we can never have a friend; and that in the presence of its organized power, always lying in wait to accomplish we know not what purpose, there can be no assured security for the democratic governments of the world."

"We are now about to accept the gage of battle with this natural foe to liberty, and shall, if necessary, spend the whole force of the nation to check and nullify its pretensions and its power."

"We are glad now that we see the facts with no veil of false pretense about them, to fight thus for the ultimate peace of the world and for the liberation of its peoples, the German peoples included; for the rights

of nations, great and small, and the privileges of men everywhere to choose their way of life and of obedience."

"The world must be made safe for democracy. Its peace must be planted upon the tested foundations of political liberty."

"We have no selfish ends to serve. We desire no conquest, no dominion. We seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifices we shall freely make."

"We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind. We shall be satisfied when those rights have been made as secure as the faith and the freedom of nations can make them."

"But the right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts - for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by such a concert of free people as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free."

## PORTEVILLE BEACH OPENING SET; ORCHESTRA PROVIDES MUSIC

JUNE, 1921

C. J. Byers, proprietor of the Porterville Beach, is adding improvements to this popular summer resort, located eight miles from Porterville on the Tule river.

The road into the beach has been rebuilt; many more cars can be parked than in former years; the dance floor has been

enlarged; a 12-foot platform has been built on the north end of the dance floor, making room for spectators where they will not interfere with those dancing.

Mr. Byers has constructed a portable table that can be placed on this platform to accommodate large dinner parties and banquets. Many small tables are being built to accommodate small parties.

The beach will open June 5 and will not close until Fall. Radford's orchestra, of Porterville, will furnish the music for all dances.

Bathing suits and towels can be rented at the beach.

## Vulcanizing Works Blasted By Explosion

JUNE, 1921

Residents of South Main were startled this morning by a loud explosion which apparently had occurred in some part of the Hotel Porterville building. An investigation proved that one of the retreading molds of the Lalanne Vulcanizing Works, which is located in the hotel building, had been blown to bits. Very fortunately, no one was injured.

Arthur W. Clark, one of the proprietors, said that he turned on the gas on the mold a few minutes before the accident. After lighting it, he went outside for a short time, returned to wipe the mold dry, then was called to the front entrance by a customer, and it was at this time the explosion took place.

Frank Lalanne, the other proprietor of the shop, said that cost of repairing the building, putting in a new window and replacing the equipment destroyed, will be about \$700.

## STRATHMORE TO MEET BAKERSFIELD

DECEMBER, 1922

Strathmore High school, with the fury of a hurricane in her offense, beat Fowler High school 34-0, and earned the right to meet the Bakersfield High Drillers in the valley championship playoffs.

## Don't Shoot Alligators On The Golf Course

JUNE, 1921

Down in Clearwater Florida, Chief of Police Joseph Russell has issued a warning that the golfer who takes a pot shot at any one of the alligators that roam at will over Clearwater's golf course is going to jail.

The Chief, who is also boss of the golf course, is determined that his pets shall not be disturbed.

"If golfers cannot get along

with the 'gators, the golfers will have to play their cow pasture pool elsewhere. That's all there is to it," the Chief declared.

At least five alligators are known to be making their homes on the course, and it is believed there are several others who have not yet registered. "Joe," the largest one, named for the police chief, is seven and a half feet long.

## RIOT!

JUNE, 1921

Nearly 10 square blocks of the south side of the Negro section of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where armed conflict has been in progress between white men and Negroes since early last night, is in flames today, and it is reported that 56 persons have been killed.

The fire is reported to be spreading and threatens to wipe out the white resident section. Detachments of guardsmen are scattered throughout the city, prepared to meet all emergencies with machine guns.

The race war was started with the arrest of Dick Rowland, Negro, charged with assault.

## ALUMNI HOME FOR THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER, 1922

Graduates of Porterville High school who were home for Thanksgiving included: Misses Dorothy and Helen Pratt, Miriam Baker, Tula Longley and Laura Atchley; and Messers Jack Newberry, Austin Hathaway, Chester Dunning, Farley Hornbeak, Leonard Carpenter, Stanley Ball, Gilbert Velie, Bud Halbert, Jim Barber, Barney Premo, and Nelson Smith.

## ALIEN TAX LAW PROVIDES CHECK ON FOREIGNERS

JUNE, 1921

The alien poll tax law, which became effective when Governor Stephens signed the alien tax bill, will prevent California from getting into the situation in which the United States found itself upon entering the World War when thousands upon thousands of alien enemy roamed the country unchecked. The measure was ratified by the people in the November, 1920 general election. School districts are made the registration centers.

## POPLAR LADIES AID PRESENTING SHOW

JUNE, 1921

Because of sickness, the Porterville Ladies Aid will not take part in the show that they were going to stage with the Poplar Ladies Aid, however, the Poplar ladies will go ahead with the show, "Our Aunt From California," admission 25 cents. Mrs. W. H. Tharp, of Porterville, will fill in Porterville's part of the program with a number of select readings rendered as only Mrs. Tharp can.

## FROM ONE PIONEER TO ALL OTHER PIONEERS - PRESENT AND FUTURE TO PORTERVILLE'S 50th VETERANS' HOMECOMING

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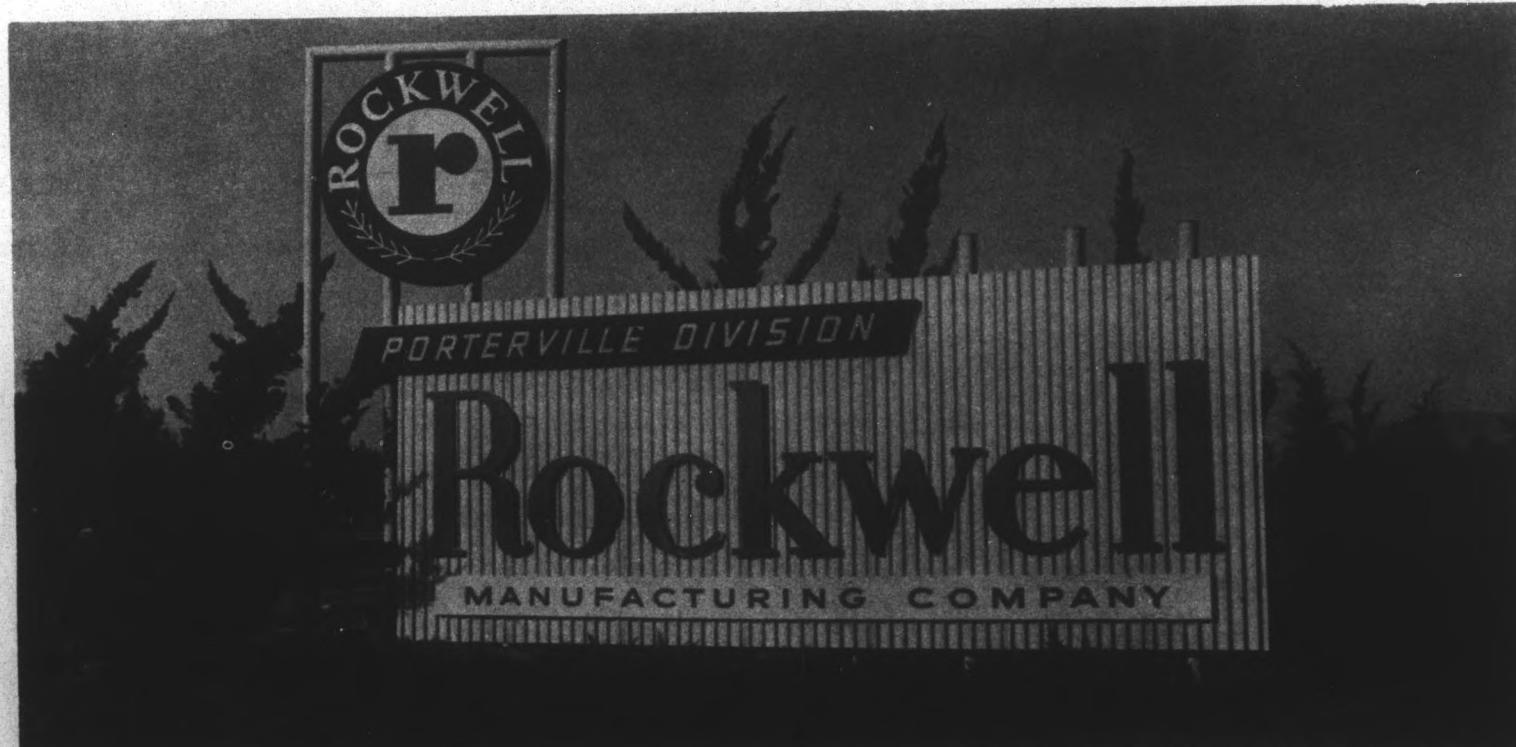
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It is with great anticipation that we look forward to mutual sharing in development of Porterville and development of Rockwell. Our Company and our Community of Porterville move forward hand in hand.

So to all the Pioneers and Veterans who will be in Porterville for the 50th annual Homecoming November 11, we say, "Many Happy Returns Of Homecoming Day."



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## JOHN R. QUINN, NATIVE OF PORTERVILLE AND A PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION WILL RETURN NOV. 11

POTTERVILLE - John R. Quinn, of Los Angeles, a past national commander of The American Legion, will return to the scenes of his boyhood when he comes to Porterville on November 11 to be honored as Grand Marshal of the Veterans' Day and Homecoming parade that will move through the downtown business district at 10 a.m.

Quinn, who served as national commander of the American Legion in 1923-24, was born July 17, 1889 on West Olive in the family home - now occupied by Art and Mary Falconer, Mrs. Falconer being a sister of Quinn.

After attending the Thermal and Quinn Elementary schools, John graduated from the old Granite high school in Porterville in 1906, then, in 1912 graduated from the University of California at Berkeley.

For five years he managed the Rag Gulch sheep ranch of his father, the late Harry Quinn, one of the pioneer sheep men in Kern and Tulare Counties. In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in France as a captain and commander of Battery F, 348th Field Artillery, 91st Division.

Following the war, Quinn became active in American

Legion affairs, forming Delano Post 124 in 1919; was the first commander of the post, 1919-20; was state commander of the American Legion Department of California in 1921-22, then national commander in 1923-24.

He was a supervisor in Los Angeles county from 1930 to 1936 and was tax assessor in Los Angeles county from 1938 until 1962, when he retired.

Through the years he served as Director of Veterans Affairs, State of California and was chairman of the Veterans Affairs board under three governors, Richardson, Young and Merriam.

## Plaudits Of Nation Ring In His Ears As Bakersfield Welcomes "John" Home

On June 10, 1924, headlines in the Bakersfield Californian and the Bakersfield Echo carried the news that John R. Quinn, national commander of the American Legion, was "coming home" to Bakersfield "with the plaudits of a nation ringing in his ears."

And Bakersfield was ready to pay a "crowning tribute" to John with a grand parade, a program in the high school stadium, and a banquet in the evening.

Said The Californian, "To those who know Quinn, it seems a certainty that his reception in

Bakersfield will mean more to him than the commendation of the entire country.

"For before his rise to one of the chief positions in the United States, a rise won by merits of character and leadership, the Legion chief was 'old man Quinn's son John,' and that he remains.

"A squadron of motor police left this city earlier in the afternoon to meet him, and other Legion officials, at Lebec, and escort him into the city. The national commander's party is traveling from Los Angeles, where Quinn was given a rousing

greeting yesterday, to Bakersfield by automobile, over the Ridge route.

"Arriving in Bakersfield, the party will go to the Southern hotel, official headquarters for Quinn day, and there the son and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quinn, will be reunited.

"The scene should be a touching one. Six feet two inches of brawn, topped by the commanding head and joyful smile which won the national leadership of the American Legion, will meet six feet of

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## Official Greeting For John R. Quinn

When John R. Quinn came to Bakersfield in June of 1924 as national commander of The American Legion, H.A. Jastro, chairman of the Welcome Home committee read this official greeting:

"Kern county today has girded up its loins to pay tribute to a man whom I have known since his boyhood; a man who has always commanded the respect of those who knew him - and justifiably.

"Some men are born to be leaders of men. Even in his childhood days, riding the range, at school, at college, John T. Quinn has been a leader, a commander.

"And when his country called him, he went overseas as a captain and I am confident that

if the armistice had not been declared, he would have returned as one of the distinguished general officers of our army.

"After his return from overseas, he took a leading part in the formation of the American Legion, became district and then state commander, and then, with competitive candidates of higher rank, including three general officers, he was elected to the highest post in the gift of the Legion.

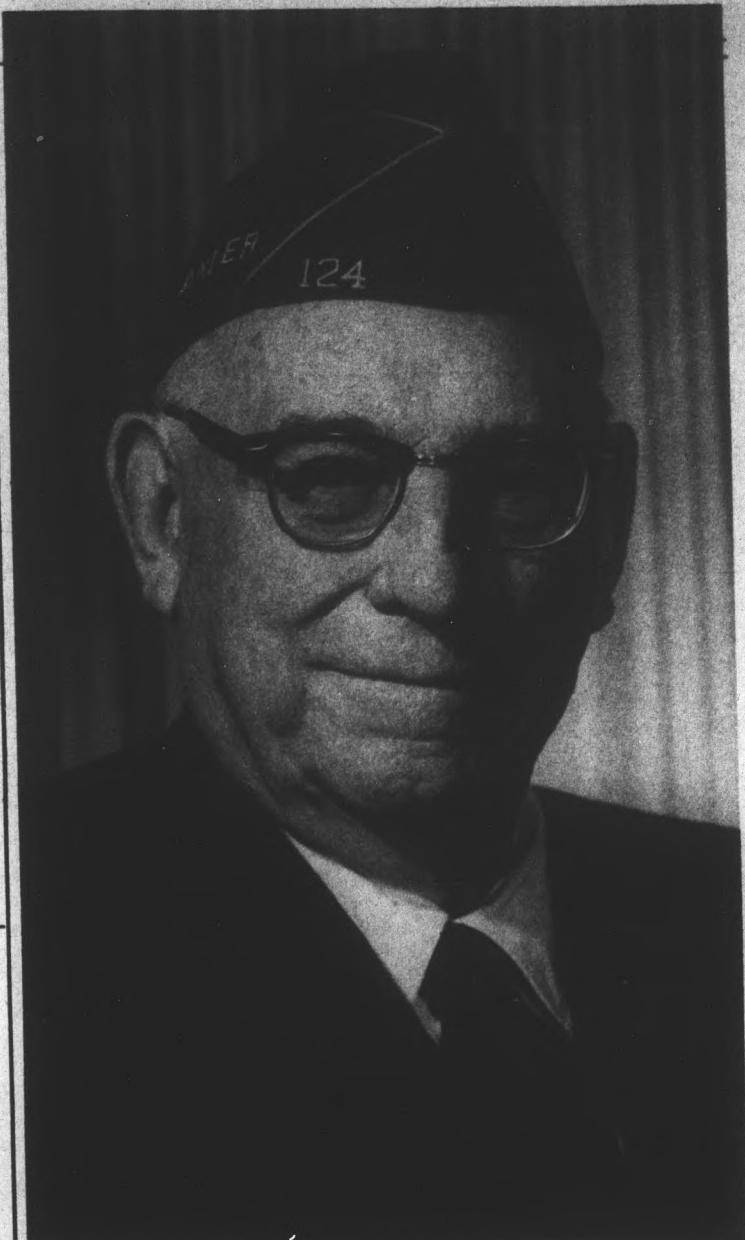
His record as commander of the American Legion is but typical of the record he has made in the past in whatever pursuit he was following. And it is well for Kern county to do

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CO-CHAIRMEN OF Porterville's 50th Annual Veterans' Day and Homecoming are, at left: Herb Short, past commander, Post 20, The American Legion, and Louis Ramos, past commander Mount Whitney Post 2001 Veterans of Foreign Wars. Current post commanders, Bert Webb, American Legion, and Danny Flores, VFW, are also working with the general committee.

(Hammond Studio photos)



JOHN R. QUINN

Grand Marshal, Fiftieth Annual Porterville Veterans' Day And Homecoming



## PORTEVILLE HOMECOMING

AND

# VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11

PARADE  
THE VALLEY'S LARGEST  
10 a.m. Downtown  
Featuring  
Tehran Temple Shriners

CARNIVAL  
Nov. 1-2-3-7-8-9-10-11  
Fair Grounds - East Olive

## PIONEER REUNION

Sponsored By Native Daughters Of The Golden West

High School Cafeteria - 1 p.m.

Dinner Served at 12 Noon

## PRIZES

R C A Deluxe Home  
Entertainment Center

Whirlpool 17 cu. ft.  
Refrigerator - Freezer

To Be Awarded At 10 p.m. Nov. 11 - Legion Hall

Whirlpool  
Imperial Dishwasher

Automatic Color

#230 Polaroid Camera

## OLD GRADS DANCE Armory - November 9

Featuring Buck Shaffer  
And The Fabulous Studio Band  
9 p.m. to 12 \$2.50 Couple \$1.50 Single  
Coats And Ties Required

LUNCHEON  
Vandalia Cafeteria  
12:30 p.m.  
SCICON BENEFIT

MEMORIAL SERVICE  
8 p.m. November 10  
Memorial Auditorium  
Vietnam Veterans and  
Families Special Guests

SPONSORED BY POST 20. THE AMERICAN LEGION AND MOUNT WHITNEY POST 2001 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, PORTEVILLE

## PROMOTERS OF QUINN BIRTHDAY PARTY--By Buel



**WHEN PORTERVILLE** welcomed John R. Quinn 34 years ago, the famous Fresno Bee cartoonist, Buel,

came to Porterville to produce the above feature for the Fresno Bee. At that time Quinn was running for the

Republican nomination for governor; when he returns November 11, 1968, it will be as grand marshal of the

50th Veterans' Day and Homecoming parade.

## Birthday Party For John Quinn In Porterville

In 1934, when John R. Quinn was seeking the Republican nomination for governor of the state of California, 10,000 people turned out in Murry park to honor Quinn on this 45th birthday.

As reported in the Fresno Bee, "Applause and tumultuous acclaim which lasted six minutes, greeted John R. Quinn, Republican candidate for governor when he stepped to the platform before 10,000 friends at his birthday party.

"The distinguished Porterville native son, 45 years old yesterday voiced his appreciation in a brief intimate talk, then commenced to declare the policies he intends to carry out."

In preparing for the barbecue, forty cords of oak wood were donated for the cooking of meat; 10 serving lanes were set up, 8,000 pounds of beef was barbecued; great pots of beans were on the fire.

Quinn spoke at the barbecue in the evening and at noon addressed a meeting of the Porterville Rotary club, attended also by members of the Lions club and the Twenty-Thirty club.

## STAGE LINE BETWEEN LINDSAY AND HANFORD

DECEMBER, 1918

J. E. Moore has asked the railroad commission for a permit to operate a stage or truck service between Lindsay and Hanford.



**FIGUEROA'S HAVE ALREADY STOCKED  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON -  
STOP BY EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTIONS**

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Norman Moore, Dan Figueroa, and Monica Figueroa proudly stand among the display racks of some of the finest men's furnishings.

**TO ALL OUR VETERANS & PIONEERS  
A HAPPY 50th ANNUAL HOMECOMING**



Arnold Bremler and Dan discuss some of the qualities of the fine trousers in stock at Figueroa's.

## Bakersfield Welcomes "John" Home

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sturdy, active, and equally joyful personality, eighty years old, when son and father clasp hands.

"At the hotel, H. A. Jastro, chairman of the general reception committee of 200 which arranged the Quinn Day demonstration, and Legion officials and friends of John Quinn, will join in a preliminary personal greeting.

"Then Quinn, with James Collins, of Long Beach, commander of the California department of the Legion, and other Legion officials, will go to Legion hall to witness the initiation of many new members of the Frank S. Reynolds post. The ritual work will be put on by the Taft post of the Legion.

"Automobiles and floats will assemble for the parade at 6 o'clock, with no waits for belated members. The parade will continue along the mapped line of march to the high school stadium where the evening program and welcome to Quinn will be given. The banquet will be held at the Elks club at 10 o'clock.

"Tomorrow, Quinn will go home to his ranch near Delano, where a big family reunion will be held. Tomorrow night he will leave for San Francisco, where he will be greeted by the American Legion."

Said the Bakersfield Morning Echo, "Kern county will open its arms to John Robertson Quinn, of Delano, when, late in the afternoon, its citizens assemble in Bakersfield to welcome him home as national commander of the American Legion, after almost a year's successful administration of the high office.

"With Bakersfield decorated as it has never been before, with preparations complete for a most interesting program of public exercises, with every nook and corner of the county certain of representation and with citizens of all walks of life bent on paying honor to the man who has brought honor to Kern county, today promises to go down in history as one of the red letter days of Bakersfield and Kern county.

## SEE PAUL BUNYAN

THE WORLD'S LARGEST SINGLE-PIECE STATUE CARVED FROM REDWOOD



THE PAUL BUNYAN

### CHUCK WAGON

The Paul Bunyan DINING ROOM

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Are Ready To Make Your Homecoming  
A Pleasant and Memorable Event

For Fine Food And Relaxation, Visit

THE PAUL BUNYAN LODGE AND RESTAURANT



JOHN R. QUINN, when he was national commander of the American Legion back in 1923-24.

## Greeting For John R. Quinn

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him honor today.

"Harry Quinn, John's father, is one of the real pioneers of his state and county. Of him it can well be said that "his word is his bond." Of Scottish ancestry, with an honorable history extending back for years, born in Ireland, as a young man a miner and cattleman in Australia, as a resident of the United States since 1868 and of Kern county since 1873, Harry Quinn has been identified with the development of this county.

"John Quinn's mother, who was Miss Katie Robertson, is also of pioneer stock, and has seen California grow from a mining and stock-raising state to its present opulence. She is a member of one of the oldest families in the San Joaquin valley, a lovable character, and it is as much to his mother as to his father that John Quinn is indebted for his sterling character, his inherent ability, his trustworthiness.

"It is a pleasure to welcome John R. Quinn to Kern county; it is equally a pleasure to welcome him with his parents."

"Certainly the happiest among the glad throng who will welcome the distinguished guest will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quinn, sturdy ranch folk of the type that has made Kern county what it is today."

## OFFICIALS TALK OF SCHOOL OPENING

NOVEMBER, 1918

Porterville school and health officials will meet in the next day or two to set a tentative date for the opening of the schools and otherwise lifting the influenza quarantine which has been in effect for some time past. There have been three recent deaths from pneumonia, but Dr. O. C. Higgins says he has had no new cases reported to him in the last three days.

## SHARP TUNING FOR RADIO SETS

DECEMBER, 1922

Alfred Crossley, radio engineer of the United States Navy department, has invented a "vario" coupler that makes sharp tuning possible in radio receiving sets. The tuning device is so built that perfect zero coupling may be obtained, a condition not possible in present radio coupling instruments.

Tehran Temple Shriners will be out in force for the November 11 Homecoming parade.

## DREAMS THAT COME WITH PEACE

November, 1918



## CONGRATULATIONS

To The

## VETERANS AND PIONEERS

On Your

## GOLDEN HOMECOMING DAY

From

## MINERAL KING SAVINGS

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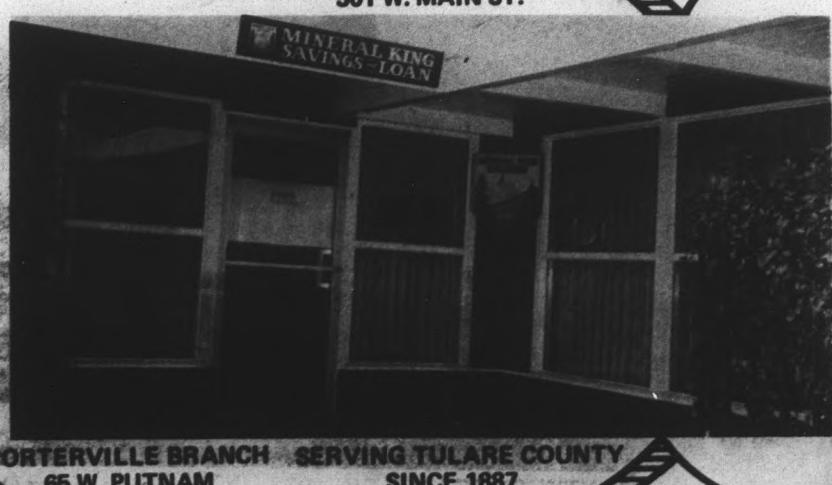


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THE YEAR - 1917, and that fancy bus met every train that came through Porterville. (It's true. Passenger trains once ran through Porterville.) At extreme left of photo - the Mission

garage, new Shepherd Volkswagen; at extreme right, a corner of the Rock house which is long gone.  
(Hammond Studio photo)

DECEMBER, 1918  
The county Board of Supervisors has issued a call for bids for construction of a unit of the county highways from

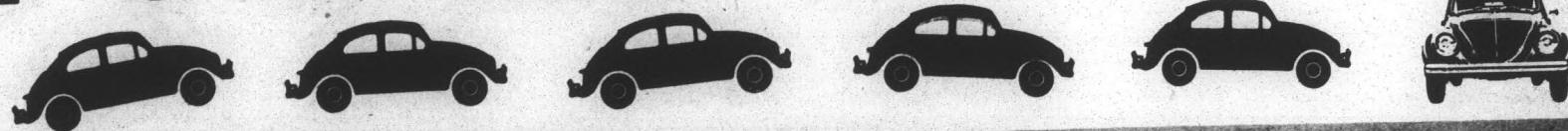
#### BIDS CALLED FOR POPLAR ROAD

Porterville west to a point one mile north of the county highways from Porterville west to a point one mile north of Poplar, a total distance of six

and one-half miles. It is stated unofficially that the supervisors will call for bids for construction of the road from Poplar to Woodville.

# "IT'S A HAPPENING"

50th Annual  
Homecoming Of  
Veterans And Pioneers  
Nov. 11, 1968



And SHEPHERD VOLKSWAGEN Is Getting Ready To Go North  
Along The Emigrant Trail To A New Site On Henderson Avenue-  
The "BUG" Is One Of The Most Economical Cars On The Road.  
But We Are Just Too Spread Out For Customer Convenience--



Used Cars-673 N. Main



Garage- 2nd St. Between Olive & Garden



New Cars -30 N. Main St.



30 N. Main St.

**SO THE "BUG" HITS THE TRAIL  
SHEPHERD VOLKSWAGEN**



Porterville



673 N. Main St.



**WHEN THE** boys came marching home after the World War, this is what the girls were wearing - somewhat different than the 1968 mini-skirt and mini-mini-skirts. These models were posing in Richardson's store in 1919 (located where Bullards now is) and what with the slow film and time exposures of those days, they didn't stand as still as they should.

(Hammond Studio photo)

### GOOD CAR BUYS OFFERED BY GARAGE

NOVEMBER, 1918

Al G. Minzer, at the Independent Garage in Porterville, is offering good buys in used cars: A Ford roadster, overhauled and repainted, \$275; 1912 Maxwell five-passenger, in fine shape, good rubber, \$225; 1914 Studebaker Six Touring car, a world of power, \$550; 1914 Studebaker roadster, 30x3½ tires, in fine shape, a good car for the kids to go to school in, \$275.

### HUNTERS OUT AFTER DUCKS

NOVEMBER, 1918

N. M. Ball, W. E. Sprott, Harry Sickles, Wood Sandige and E. H. Stong are spending the weekend on the duck grounds in the Tulare Lake district.

### CELEBRATION ON BATTLE FRONT

DECEMBER, 1918

Thos. B. Coull has received a letter from his brother, Lt. David Coull who is serving with the British army in France, telling of the celebration on the battle front when the armistice was signed. Huge bonfires were built on German ammunition dumps and Scottish pipers piped patriotic airs until fairly exhausted. He spoke of the American troops as being good fighters.

### RETURNS FROM BIG FIGHT

JULY, 1919

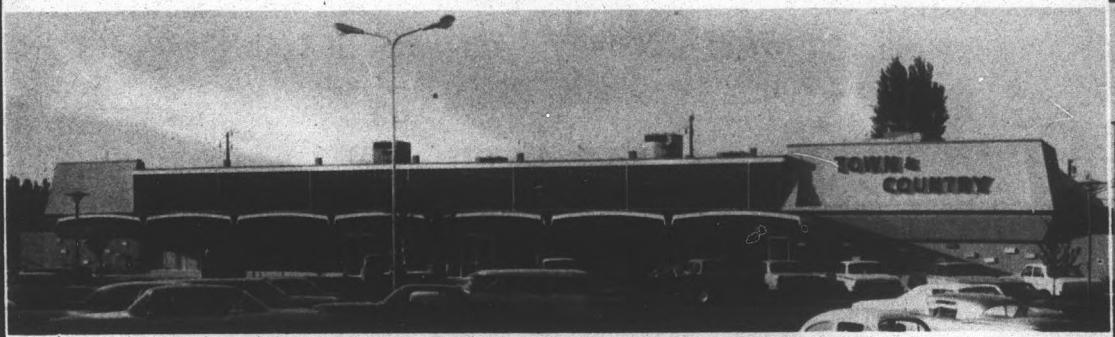
Returns from the Willard-Dempsey fight, July 4, will be posted at the Brunswick, in Porterville.

**OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO  
THE VETERANS AND PIONEERS  
ON THEIR HOMECOMING DAY !!**

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Porterville



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Ribbon Cutting  
Ceremonies At  
Our Grand Opening  
In October, 1966



Left to right rear: Mac Williams, city councilman and John Foster, Manager of the Crocker-Citizens bank.  
Front: Mrs. Tone Wong, Teddy Wong and Tone Wong.

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Designed for Beauty, but Bargains Galore.



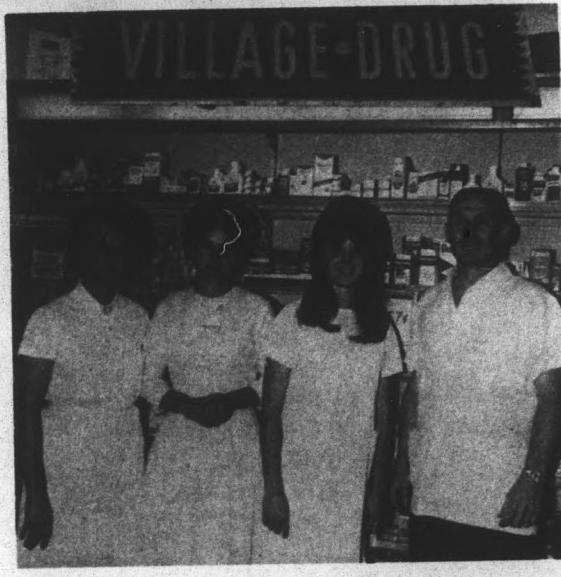
A Locally Owned Independent Grocery Store Operated For The Benefit of the Thrifty Shoppers by Joe Gong, Gilbert Chin, Thomas Mar and Stanley Mar.

The Village Shopping Center Is Unique In That You Can Do All Of Your Shopping Under One Roof-  
From One Store To Another. You Do Not Have To Get Out In The Sun Or The Rain.  
Drop In At The Corner Of Grand Avenue And Villa Street And See For Yourself.

**WE ARE REAL FRIENDLY**



A handy place for shopping for your favorite beverage with Lem Murray.



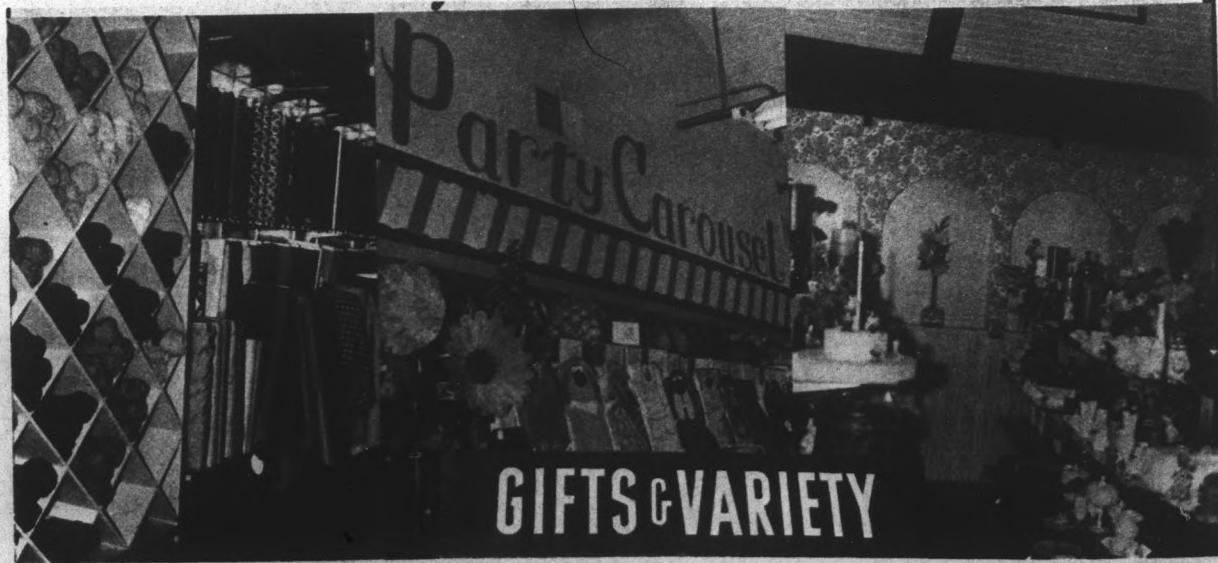
The crew at the Village Drug pictured here from left to right are Jewel Ratliff, Grace Waggle, Peggy Miller, and Druggist Irv. Miller.



For fast efficient service and with lots of parking and no meters see Anna Vaughn and her operators.

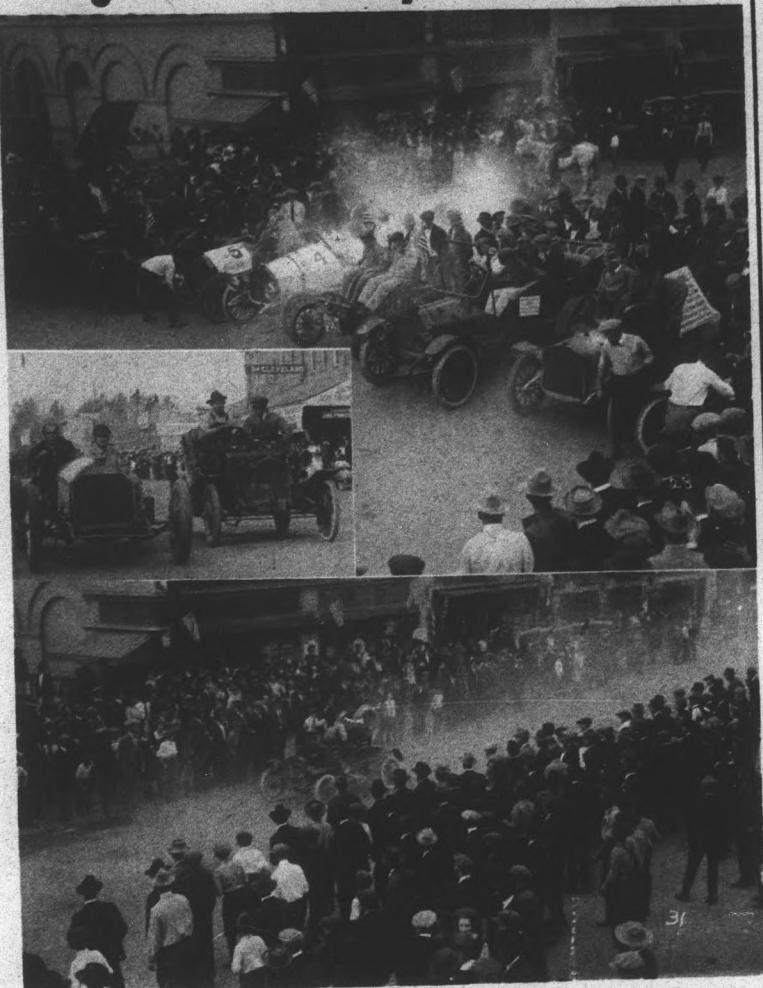


The cuisine fits the surroundings and Red and Jackie Wood believe in giving their customers a full measure.



Kenneth and Lorraine Moser believe in supplying the objects that are hard to find. Try them for this years gift shopping or for that material supply that you have been looking for.

**To Our Veterans And Pioneers -  
Have A HAPPY 50TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING**

**Big Thrill Of Early Celebrations**

FOR SEVERAL years, in early days of the Porterville Armistice Day celebration, an old car race was one of the big thrills, run on a course marked off on city streets. As local car enthusiasts continued to "soup up" old vehicles, making them capable of more and more speed but not necessarily improving their ability to hold together, and without adequate means for crowd control, the race was finally discontinued because of the danger involved. But, as photos indicate, it was a big deal while it lasted.

(Hammond Studio photos)

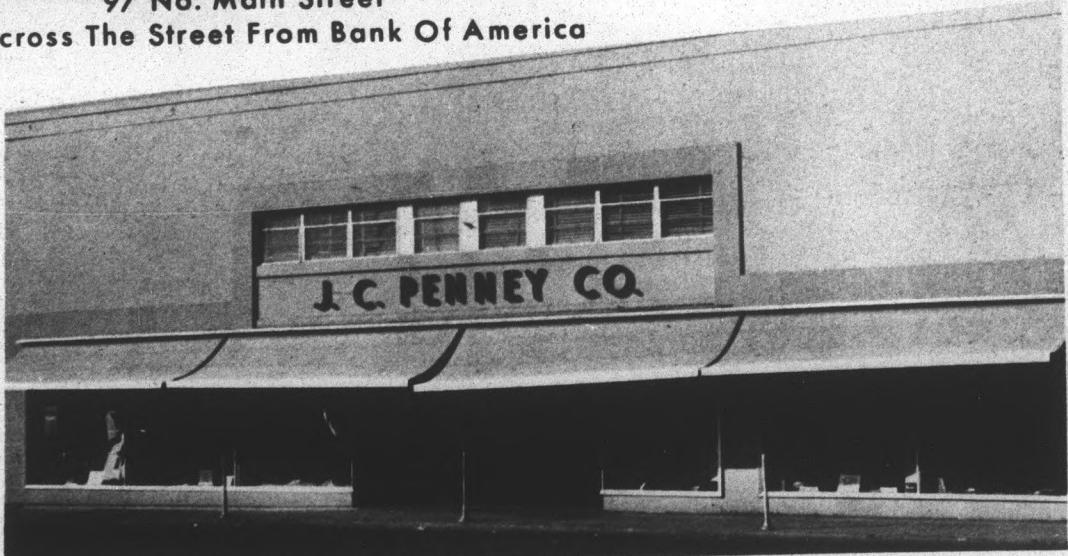
**Ford Beaten**

NOVEMBER, 1918  
Lt. Commander Truman H. Newberry, Republican, was elected United States Senator

from Michigan by a margin of 9,000 votes over Henry Ford, Democrat, auto manufacturer.



97 No. Main Street  
Across The Street From Bank Of America



MAY WE JOIN IN THE SALUTE, TOO,  
TO OUR VETERANS AND PIONEERS HOMECOMING.

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## CONGRATULATIONS VETERANS AND WELCOME EVERYONE TO PORTERVILLE'S 50th HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

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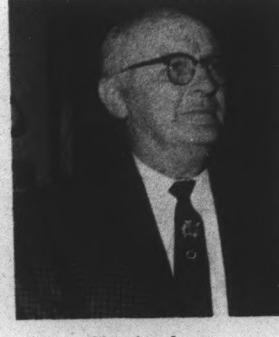
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### For Your Favorite Name-Brand Shoes Visit Reisig'shoes

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Florsheim, Winthrop, Hush Puppies, Bates Floaters, Wesboro, Evans, Red Wing, Frye, Acme, Dan Post, Jack Purcell, U.S. Keds

**WOMEN'S SHOES**

Geppetto, Capezio, Florsheim, Accent, Mr. Easton, College Debs, Divina, Pepperinos, Edith Henry, Magdesians, Cover Girl, Personality, Hush Puppies, U.S. Keds

**CHILDREN'S SHOES**

Weatherbird, Wesboro, Bates Floaters, Hush Puppies, Lazy Bones, U.S. Keds

And Above Is Only A Partial List

Robert Reisig opened his first shoe store in Porterville in 1949. Six Reisig Shoe stores are now operating in the San Joaquin Valley, making Reisig Shoe the largest independent shoe retailer in California, outside the Metropolitan areas.

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To Porterville's 50th Homecoming



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209 North Main St.  
Porterville



FOLLOWING THE Armistice Day parade in 1920, there was a gathering at the Associated Gasoline station, southwest corner of Main and Olive, to take a look at Associated's second place float. From left: Dan Webster, Jim Arnold, unidentified, Esther Frame, Babe Ragsdale (standing), unidentified, Jack Ainsworth, Dan Webster's boy, Loyd Frame.

## A Family Owned And Operated Furniture Business

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J. E. Wheeler and his son Jarvis, established their store in Porterville in 1944. Porterville's oldest furniture firm was opened in the same location as it is now and was expanded to its present size in 1956.

Wheeler Furniture has consistently carried the finest home furnishings. We have in stock many models of Philco, Westinghouse, Admiral and Speed Queen appliances. In living room furniture, Broadhill, Harris of California, Colony, and L. A. Period grace our display floor.

J. E. Wheeler retired from active participation in company affairs in 1967. Jarvis, his wife, Billie and their son, Don, are now operating the company where the customers interests always come first. These same customers will find easy terms and Wheeler contracts available to them.



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### May One And All Enjoy This Golden Homecoming



From left: Arnold, Frame, standing, Winsworth, and Frame. Joe Hardaway (standing), Neil Baxley, Cliff Uhl, unidentified, Bill Yates (standing), Austin Reynolds, Otto Hemphill, Bert Rinear, unidentified, and Wilbur

Houghton. The brick building in the back was the Minges hotel. (Photo courtesy Lula Thompson, by way of Edwards Studio)

## This And That Along Main Street

DECEMBER, 1918

Corporal Ervin Gibson, who has been in training in the heavy artillery department of the U.S. Army at San Francisco, has arrived home, receiving his honorable discharge from the U.S. military service a few days ago.

McCourts four-piece jazz orchestra will be playing at the pavilion Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Traeger left today for Los Angeles to spend Christmas at the home of their son, Will Traeger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McAuliff have received a letter from their son, Corporal Will J. McAuliff, who is in the U.S. Aviation service in France, stating that he is feeling fine and dandy. The letter was dated November 17, six days after the signing of the armistice.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kimble have received a letter from their son, Edward, who is in a hospital in France. He said the kaiser came near to getting his number, but he expects to be home in three months.

Billy Orr, remembered as one of the members of the Salt Lake baseball team that on two occasions trained in Porterville, has written to Walter Conner, saying he is now purchasing agent for a large automobile firm in Salt Lake City.

H. W. Wheeler and B. H.

## GRAND CANYON A NATIONAL PARK

NOVEMBER, 1918

Congress now seems ready to make the Grand Canyon of Arizona a national park. Although quite generally regarded as a park, the Grand Canyon officially is a section of two national forests, a game refuge, and a national monument.

Maxon are taking the initial steps to organize a local branch of Spanish American War Veterans by making a preliminary canvass of the veterans in the Porterville area.

William Woodward is preparing to plant five acres of figs on his ranch in the Old Reservation tract. Mr. Wildy, in the same section, plans to plant an acre and a half to figs. Wes Burton has taken the contract to furnish the trees. He has also contracted with various parties to furnish 10,000 prune trees.

Captain H. J. Willey, of the base hospital at Camp Kearney, who has been visiting his family in Porterville, has returned to camp. He is anxious to be discharged from the service, but has been informed that instead he is being placed in charge of the surgical section of the hospital.

Many Porterville stores that have been in the habit of closing at 6 o'clock, are remaining open evenings until after the holidays in order to give all an opportunity to do their Christmas shopping.

Max B. Jamison, chairman of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, states that over 1300 residents of Porterville have contributed; and that it is expected that 6,000 will have subscribed when the drive ends.

## NOTICE. PAY THOSE BILLS

NOVEMBER, 1918

Those who are owing the Home Lumber Company are asked to make settlement by the first of December, as at that time all unpaid accounts will be let for collection. You can settle with the company directly or at the Pioneer Bank.

## Welcome To Everyone For Porterville's 50th Homecoming

Quality & SELF SERVICE CLEANERS



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## Porterville High Varsity Ball Teams Back in 1920-21 - Recognize Anyone?

Nearly a half century ago the boys in the pictures at left were playing varsity ball at Porterville High school. Some of them are now farmers, and business and professional men in Porterville and elsewhere; some of them will no doubt return to Porterville for the 50th annual Veterans' Day and Homecoming celebration November 11.

### FOOTBALL TEAM

Back row from left: Ivan Peterson, Stanley Ball, John Noe, Coach D. R. Lightner, Earl Owen, Verne Rigby, and Evan Thomas; center row: Walter Pratt, Charlie Dobbs, Olin Garrett, Ralph Laumeister, and Neil Perkins; front row: Gilbert Velie, Carl Frame, Ralph Doty, LeRoy Gordinier, Paul Frame and Lloyd Smithers. This team won eight, tied one (21-21 with Strathmore) and lost one. (21-O Dinuba) They clobbered Visalia 73-0, Delano 41-6, Lindsay 59-0, and Hanford 28-7.

### BASEBALL TEAM

From left: Wilbur Mitchell, LeRoy Gordinier, Ralph Doty, Maxson Weide, Paul Frame, Otha Wells, Carl Elder, Jesse Jones, Harold Zahl, Lloyd Smithers, Carl Frame, Gilbert Velie, Olin Garrett, Everil Loyd, and Coach Ben Grisemer. Porterville had a six win, two loss season.

### BASKETBALL TEAM

From Left: Evan Thomas, Verne Rigby, Elton McCrillis, Harry Scruggs, Neil Perkins, Everil Loyd, Stanley Ball and Vernon Grant. With R. L. Kegg as coach, this team won four and lost six.

(Hammond Studio photos)

## Welcome, Veterans & Pioneers, To Your 50th Homecoming!



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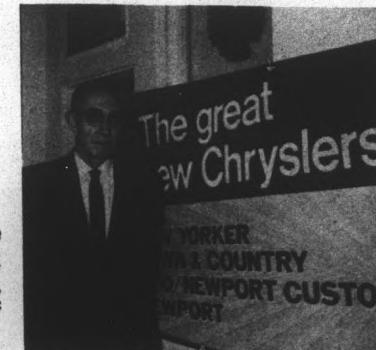
JIM ASHWORTH  
owner-manager



PAT ASHWORTH  
office manager



ED ASHWORTH  
Sales manager



J. L. SHEPHERD  
New car salesman



Left to right: Frank Peters, Service Manager, Hestie Matlock, Bill Gillett, Art Rodgers, Mechanics and Jessie Valencia, new and used car detail man.

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## Athletes And Scholars At High School Back In Good Old Days Of 1920-21

Limited basketball team - limited to 130 pounds - girls' basketball team, and staff of the Weekly El Granito (the school newspaper) were part of the campus scene at Porterville high school two years after the end of the world war.

### LIMITED BASKETBALL TEAM

Back row, from left: Jim Barber, Paul Frame, LeRoy Gordinier, F. Daley, and Gilbert Velie; front row: Ralph Doty, Lawrence Means, Paul Rogers, Orly Davis, and Victor Neher. This team had an over-all season record of four wins and three losses, and a league record of three wins and one defeat.



### GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The girl in the white middie on the left is not identified, but the others are, from left: Julia Horbach, Doris Baird, Maude Melvin, Henrietta Cornell, Lucinda Althouse, Alma Beckwith, Merle Adlesbach, Margaret Darr, and Doris Murphy. The Porterville girls won their first three games, then lost in their final game by one point to Tulare.

### EL GRANITO WEEKLY STAFF

Back row, from left: Ralph Doty, Harold Zahl, Farley Hornbeck, Richard Jenkins, Carl Martin, Carl Elder, Verne Rigby, and Stanley Ball; front row: Evelyn Jacobson (?) Frances Cattaneo, Mildred Tyler, Viola Neher, Miriam Baker, Corrine Hardell, and Doris Murphy.

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SCENES LIKE this were common back in World War days. That's Bill Means joining up during a Red Cross drive. Mrs. Merrill Dennis is at right. (Hammond Studio photo)

## Red Cross At Woodville Moves To Pool Room Building For Winter

NOVEMBER, 1918

WOODVILLE - The Red Cross officials have arranged to have the work rooms transferred to the pool room building, which afford better accommodations for the winter months.

O. B. Devericks, Frank and Clarence Bradbury, Ivan Ball, James Grimsley, and I. L. Hull, members of the Woodville Gun club, spent Sunday at the Tulare lake, hunting ducks. They reported fairly good sport.

J. R. Mills has moved his family to the Carlisle home for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wilson of Porterville were in Woodville Sunday for a visit with relatives. Grandma Hutchinson, who

has been ill, is reported to be recovering.

Woodville school is still closed by reason of the influenza epidemic. No date for the reopening has been announced as yet.

Raymond Burris was a business visitor, recently, to Farmersville.

Mrs. Loyd Wells, and little daughter, Loraine, have returned to their home at Chowchilla after a visit in the Woodville district at the home of Mrs. Wells' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradbury.

Veterans' Day feature - carnival fun at the Porterville Fair grounds, from now through November 11.



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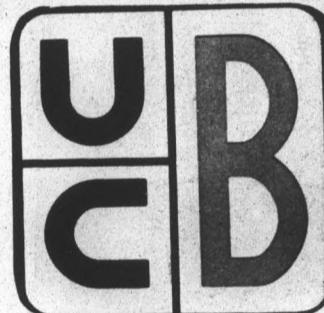
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Milton Hodgson, Ralph Hapgood, Leonard Henry, Schuyler Henry, Earl Hastings, Donald Jones, Lieut. M.R. King, Corp. Erlund Kincaid, Arlow Kincaid, Lieut. William F. Kyle, Edward K. Kimble, Will Laumeister, Lieut. Lester Lamkin, Jesse Loughead, John Linden, Paul Lewis, Frank McKelvey, Charles McCabe, Ralph Martin, Carling Miller, Earl Millick, Locke McFarland, Will McAuliff Jr., Glenn Owens, Timothy O'Reilly, Kenneth Premo, Frank Pratt, Edgar Prestage, Lieut. Harry Pohlman, Percy Potter, Clifford Parli, Roscoe Richardson.

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The 1918 El Granito was dedicated "To those who have gone from our high school and have entered the service of our country."

In an editorial entitled Economy, it was stated, "It is upon that principle that this year's El Granito has been edited. It is due to that principle only that we feel justified in publishing an El Granito at all this year."

Owing to the great demand for paper and book material in the field of war, it is the patriotic duty of every high school to save as much as possible in the publication of its annual. Recognizing these facts, we are this year publishing a 'War Edition.'

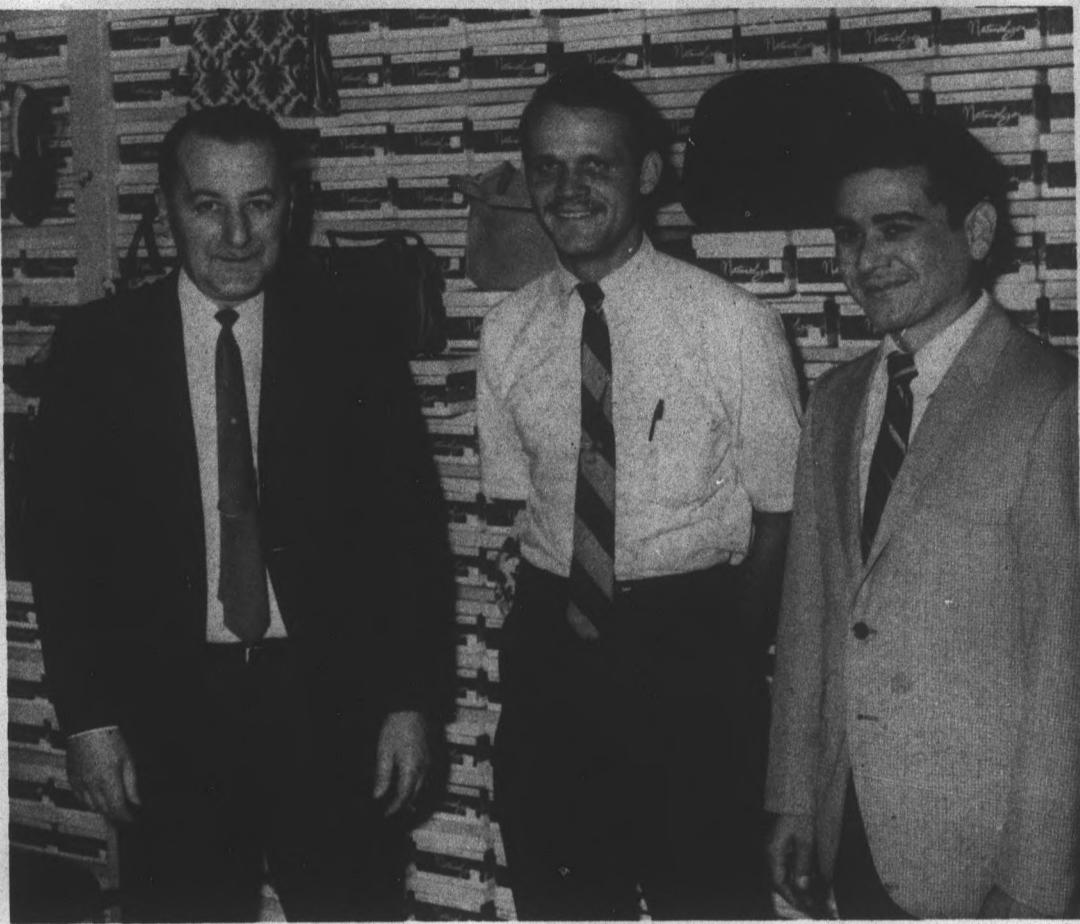
"It is small, without frills, and gives in brief an outline of our school term. We feel therefore that readers of this small volume will understand and appreciate our efforts toward Hooverizing."

Editor of the 1918 El Granito was Chester Kyle; business manager was Charles Cummings; others on the staff were: Valentine Sheela, Elizabeth Velie, Kathryn Moore and Robert Browning.



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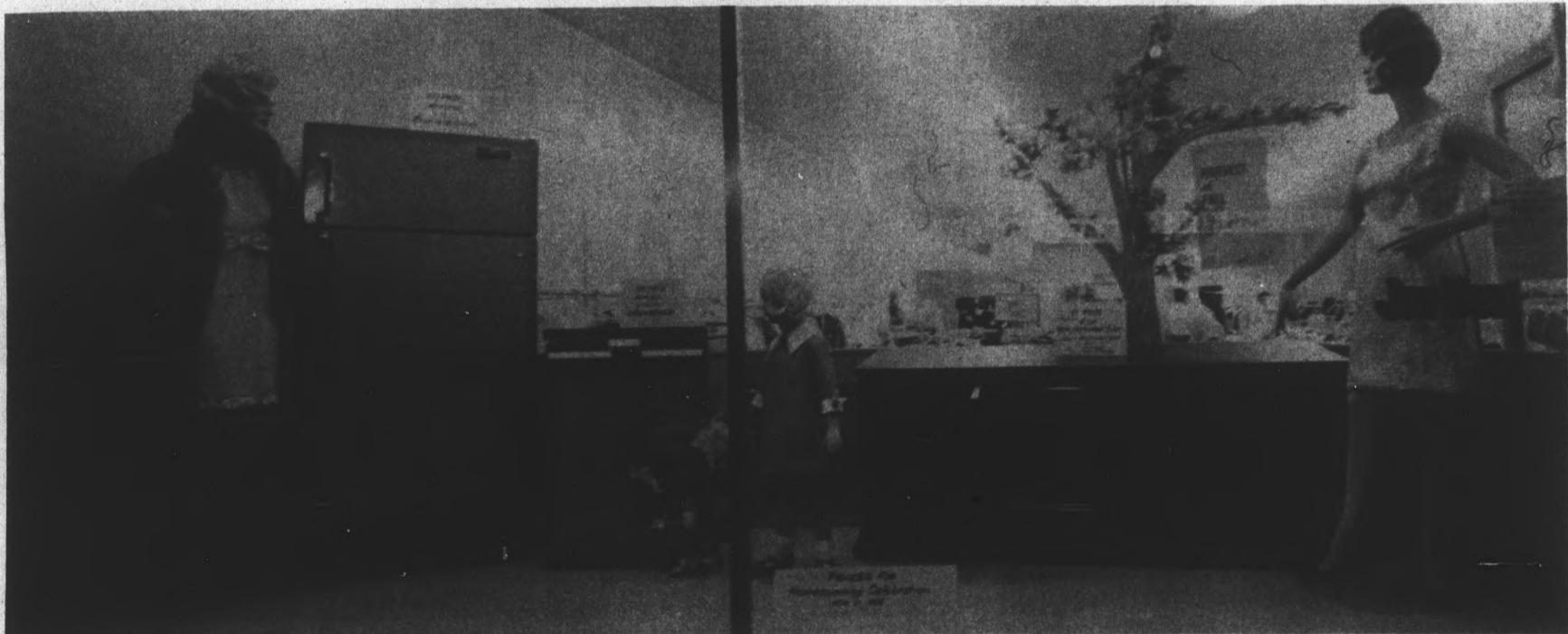
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## PIONEERS TO BE HONORED

NOVEMBER, 1968

Pioneers of the Porterville area will be honored at their traditional reunion on November 11, set for the Porterville High School cafeteria following the morning parade.

Under sponsorship of Tule Vista Parlor, No. 305, Native Daughters of the Golden West, a chicken and noodle casserole lunch will be served, starting at 12 noon; charge is \$1.75.

Pioneer tea will be held in the cafeteria at 2 p.m. In charge of general arrangements is Neva Dupree, president of the Native Daughters.

## Election!

NOVEMBER, 1968

At press time - after one of the nation's most closely contested presidential elections - it's Richard Nixon over Hubert Humphrey as president-elect of the United States.

Incumbent State Senator Howard Way has won over John Erecca by some 10,000 votes; Incumbent State Assemblyman Gordon Duffy has snowed Oren O'Neill by more than a 30,000 vote margin; Incumbent U. S. Congressman Bob Mathias eliminated Former Congressman Harlan Hagen, 62,925 to 33,681; Alan Cranston beat Max Rafferty for United States Senator from California.

In the local hospital board race it was Incumbent Dorothy Margo, 6,091; Incumbent Ralph Tyrrell, 5,090; Hans Olsen, 4,242; and Dick Huth, 4,174.

## Memorial Service Sunday Evening

NOVEMBER, 1968

Patriotic, religious memorial service will be held Sunday evening, November 10, in the Porterville Memorial auditorium, starting at 8 p.m., with the Rev. David Kreitzer as principal speaker.

Participating also will be the Rev. Jennie Bonilla, Rev. Father Joseph Balker, Rev. Charles Brandon, Rev. Willard Weeks, Rev. Richard L. Jones, and Rev. Ragnar Kjeldahl, the latter chairman of program arrangements.

Instrumental music will be provided by the Monache High School band, under direction of Buck Shaffer; vocal music by the Porterville High School Concert choir, directed by David Rasmussen, with Mrs. Donald Deaton as accompanist.

Special invitation is extended to Vietnam veterans and their families; Legion and VFW post members and Auxiliaries, as well as the general public.

## Old Grads Dance

NOVEMBER, 1968

Old Grads of Porterville High School and their friends - which includes just about everyone - will get together for fun and frolic Saturday night, November 9, at the Porterville Armory, to dance to the music of Buck Shaffer's Fabulous Studio band.

Admission to the Old Grads dance is \$2.50 per couple; \$1.50 singles. Coats and ties will be required for admission; dancing is from 9 p.m. until midnight.

## SHINERS IN NOV. 11 PARADE

NOVEMBER, 1968

Fun, color, precision marching, music and mounted units presented by Shriners of Tehran Temple in Fresno, will feature the 50th Veterans Day and Homecoming parade in Porterville on Monday, November 11.

Riding as grand marshal of the parade, that will move down Main street at 10 a.m., will be John Quinn, a native of Porterville and a past national commander of The American Legion.

Floats, marching bands, horseless carriages, riding groups, decorated cars, National Guard units, and special entries will make the parade one of the finest in the valley.

## Barbecue Beef Dinner Nov. 11

NOVEMBER, 1968

A barbecue beef dinner will be served at the Vandalia School cafeteria following the Veterans' Day parade next Monday, with serving to continue until 3 p.m. Charge is \$1.50 for adults, \$1.00 for children under 12 years of age.

The dinner will be sponsored by the Porterville Scicon committee; funds will be used to assist sixth grade students to participate for one week in the Scicon program. Dinner chairman is Oliver Mason.



QUEEN JULIENE CONKLIN-1968  
QUEEN KATHY SOUZA - 1967



JULIENE CONKLIN, a sophomore and a business administration major at Porterville college, was crowned queen of Porterville's Annual Veterans' Day and Homecoming celebration during ceremonies held Saturday night at the Porterville Memorial auditorium. Placing the crown on Queen Juliene's head is Kathy Souza, the 1967 queen. Senior Princess is Pat Murphy; Princesses are Christine Betts, Shirley Hughes and Chris Hansen. Co-chairmen of the queen selection committee were Miss Souza and Mrs. Ileen Flory. Nineteen girls competed for the queen and princesses titles. (Farm Tribune photo)

## MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN NOVEMBER 11

NOVEMBER, 1968

Porterville's museum, in the old Southern Pacific passenger depot on D street, will open following the parade on November 11, for benefit of returning pioneers and the

general public.

The museum, with constantly expanding exhibits, presents a most interesting display of historic items related to the early history of Porterville, and to its pioneer families.

## HAPPY 50TH HOMECOMING TO OUR VETERANS & PIONEERS



Before the turn of the century, R. Hodgson was in the construction business. The building on the left is one of his buildings, which is still in use, in Eureka out of which came the pillars of the old Morton Street School the building on the right that stood at the north end of Main Street here in Porterville.

It was in that era of the history of California that R. Hodgson also held the contracts for the construction of railroads, lighthouses, trestles, business houses and homes. After the 1906 earthquake and fire in San Francisco, R. Hodgson decided to move to the Porterville area and they have remained here ever since.



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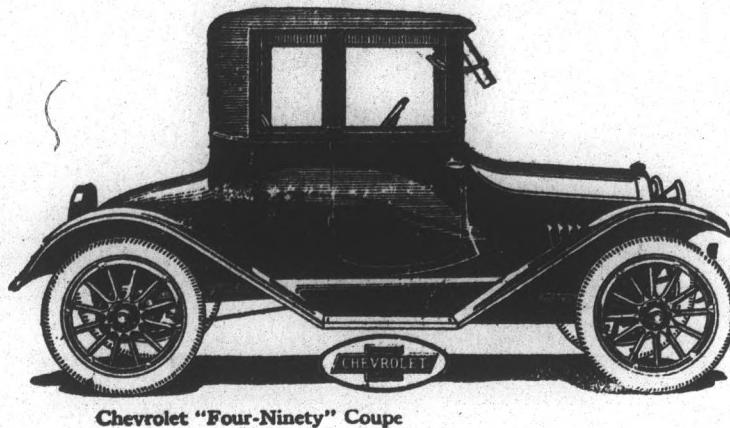
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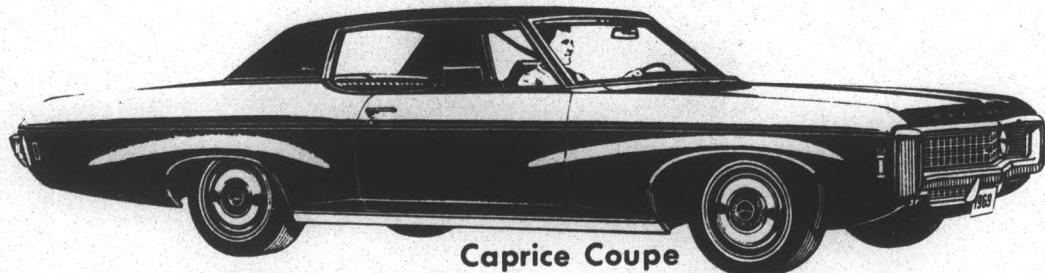
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Ann Walker  
Letha Alston  
Josephine Jurkovich

Front  
L-R  
Opal Barr  
Jewell Brooks  
Marcia Doty  
Hazel Turner  
Lillis Uschkrat  
Georgia Burton  
Paul Freeman

Absent  
Barbara Aanestad  
Katherine Dougherty  
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## Editorial Comment

### IDEALISM HAS NOT CHANGED

In spite of profane and derogatory invectives hurled by persons in other countries - and in the United States - America has been and still is a nation blessed with a basic philosophy of deep idealism.

The boys in World War I were fighting for idealistic principles - to make the world safe for democracy; to eliminate autocracy; to protect the right of self determination for small nations; to establish a world peace based on political liberty; to champion the individual rights of mankind; to fight for the right of all people to have a true voice in the government to which they submit; and to oppose world forces that seek to stifle such idealism.

Essentially, these were the idealistic principles for which Americans fought not only in World War I, but also in World War II, in Korea, and now in Vietnam.

Admittedly, it can be said that America has not yet been able to turn its idealism into reality.

It can be said that prospects for accomplishing the idealistic goals of America do not appear bright in so far as the immediate future is concerned.

And certainly, in America's efforts to implement idealism into reality, its people have sometimes blundered; its moves have not always been wise; at times eagerness has overridden judgement. But America has championed the cause of individual freedom; its basic motives have been just and unselfish.

In admitting that goals of idealism have not yet been attained, America must remember that lives, and influence and actions represent only brief seconds in the flow of time, yet seconds that will, hopefully, influence thinking and actions in the future flow of time.

American idealism cannot hope to become a national, or world-wide reality, unless Americans continue to work at it. Certainly accomplishment will not come through the hurling of insults at America, not through burning American flags, not through marching under the banner of some foreign land, not through the tearing down of American ideals and institutions, but through the sensible application of patriotism, through sincere and lawful efforts to improve American institutions, through continued efforts to eliminate autocracy, and through the holding of courage, as a nation, to stand for and defend the idealism inherent in the dream of a world safe for democracy.

If America does not defend this ideal to the best of its imperfect abilities, no one will, and autocracy will prevail.

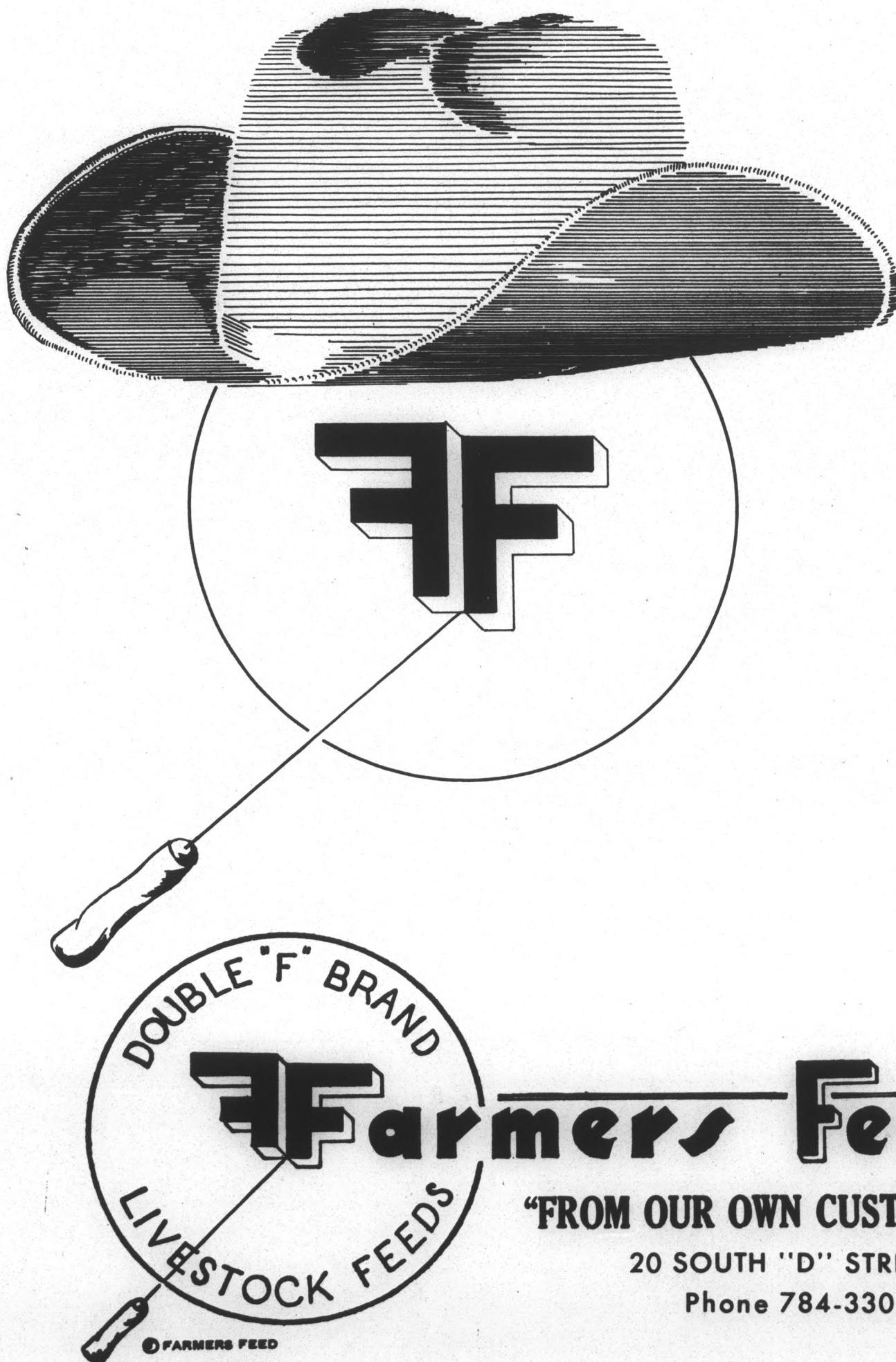
President Woodrow Wilson said in 1917, "The right is more precious than peace."

America believed those idealistic words a half century ago.

America must continue to believe them - or America, as the defender of freedom, America as a republic of free men, America as the voice and best example in history to date of political idealism, will come to exist only in the pages of history.

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celebration, World War veterans were proud to get out their military uniforms and march down the street as part of the November 11 parade - and folks along the way cheered them. But, as the years went by, World War I veterans found that their uniforms were shrinking, and someone kept extending the length of Main street. So the veteran marching unit gradually disappeared from the November 11 parade. We

suppose that if Vietnam, or Korean, or World War II, or even World War I vets did get back in uniform and march, some of our Kooks of '68 would boo them. But, back there in 1918, and 1919, and in the 20s, veterans were not ridiculed by anyone. Attitude of the general public was one of appreciation that these men had served their country when called upon to do so.  
(Hammond Studio photo)

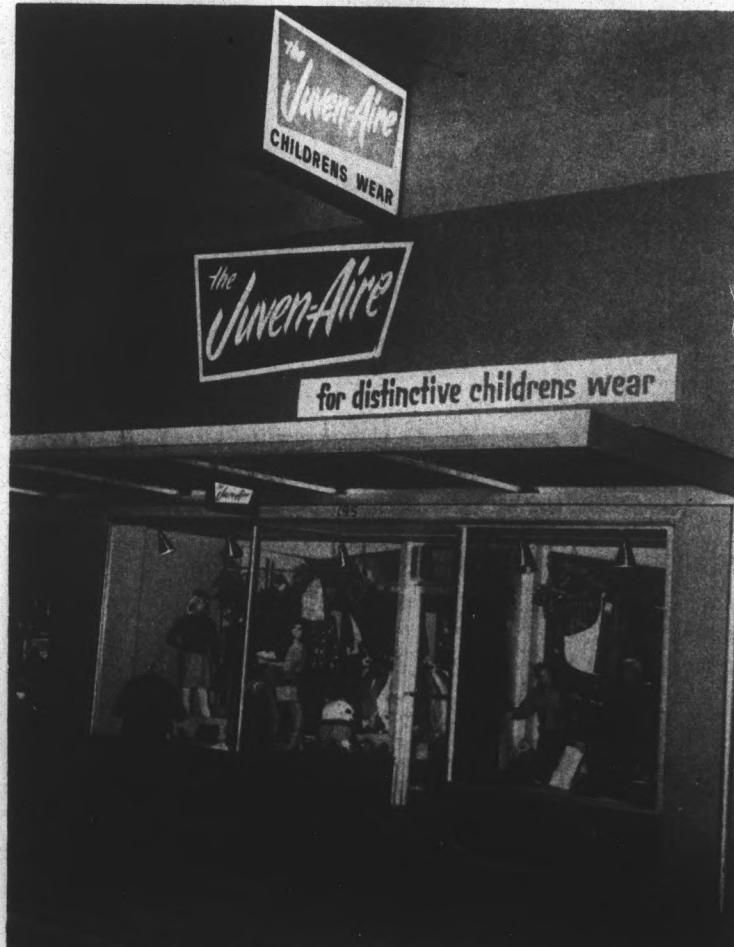
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Buck Shaffer and the Fabulous Studio band will be on stage for an Old Grads of PUHS dance, Porterville armory, November 9.

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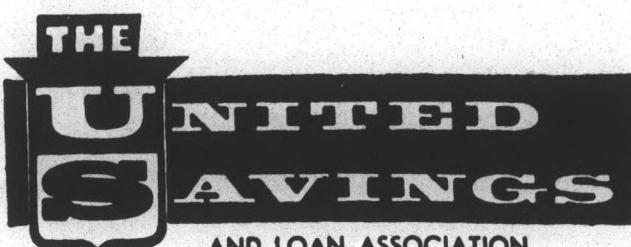
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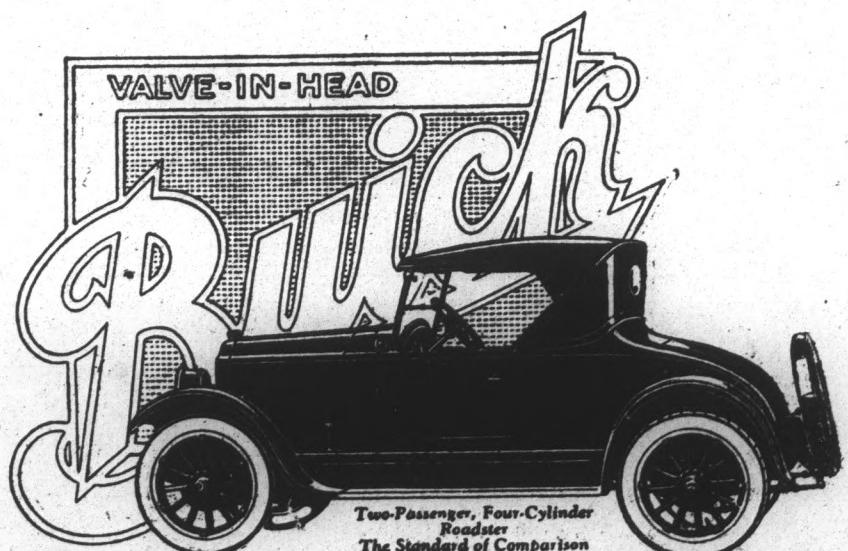
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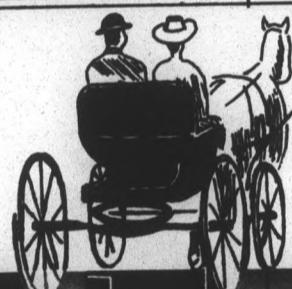
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Porterville Drug location at 79 North Main to become Claubes Porterville Drug. Photos show, from top left, Zoe Claubes accepting the keys to Porterville Drug from Mrs. Fred Wall (the Walls are retiring from the drug business); the new sign; the old Pioneer Hotel shortly after completion in the early 1890s, when the Pioneer Bank was located in the southeast corner of the building; and the hotel after the bank had moved across



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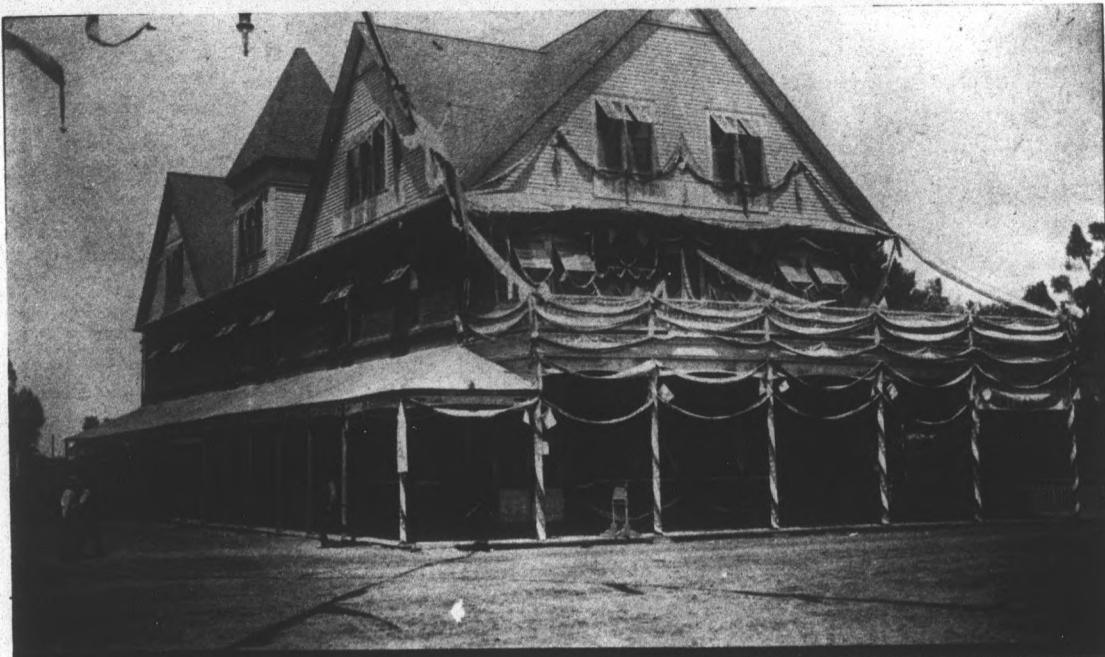
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the street, and Claubes Pharmacy had moved in, back in 1910. Oldest business still operating in Porterville under its

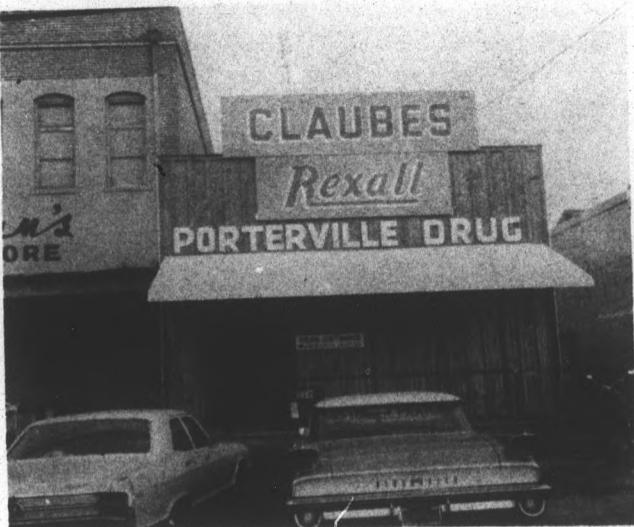
original name and in the same line, is Porterville Hardware, that was started in 1896 by Bert Sutherland and Mark Burgess;

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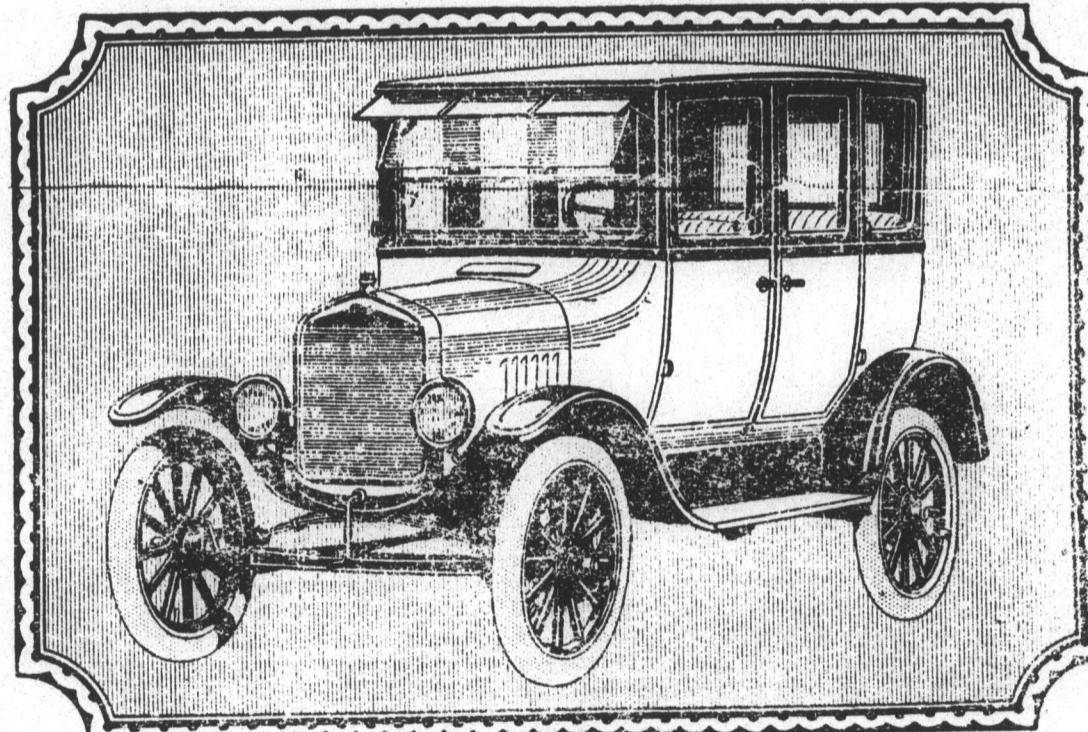
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No. 19981

Estate of  
**JOSEPH L. CARTER**, also known  
as J. L. Carter, Joseph Carter and  
Joe Carter, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated October 7, 1968  
**IRVAL W. CARTER**  
Executor of the Will of the above  
named decedent.  
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk  
Attorneys at Law  
141 East Mill Avenue  
Porterville, California 93257  
Telephone: (209) 784-5064  
Attorneys for Executor  
First publication: October 10, 1968  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Superior Court of the  
State of California  
For the County of Tulare  
No. 19331

Estate of  
**HELEN LOUISE TOSH**, also known as Helene L. Tosh, Helene Anderson Tosh, Mrs. Daniel L. Tosh and Mrs. D. L. Tosh, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at 141 East Putnam, Porterville, California which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated August 15, 1968  
**DANIEL L. TOSH**  
Executor of the Estate of the  
above named decedent.  
Robert C. Natzke  
Attorney at Law  
141 East Putnam  
Porterville, California  
Phone 784-3062  
Attorney for Executor  
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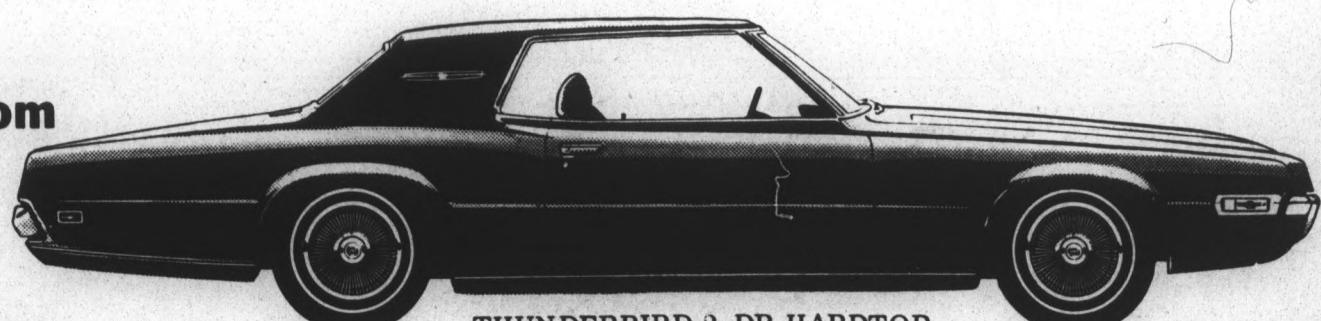
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**CABLE** →

Back row, left to right: William Lewis, Eleanor Ruehle, Myrtle Varkois, Carl Finley. Second row: Wanda Hendon, Janie Karcher, Jewell Doyel, Venita Brown, Edeltraud Kalb, Edna Dickey, Carol Hastings, Verlene DeWitt, Joan Hosey. Front row: Betty Plumlee, Jima Wingfield, Minnie Ridgway, Maria Galvan, Darlena Kindle, Lucille Kambeck, Margaret Merjil.

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Back row, left to right: Weldon Jackson, Chuck Anderson, Carl Keller, Jerry Green, Reba Walfrom, Judy Harper, Shirlee Sandoval, Pearl Dodd. Middle row: Betty Burgess, Geri Ramirez, Clara Dielon, Marion Callanan, Margaret Bradley, Linda Lissner, Linda Montez, Fay Nalls, Laverne Martin. Front row: Margaret Ramirez, Peggy Herrell, Marcia Campbell, Carlene Phillips, Maria Paquia, Lupe de la Rosa, Marilyn Fox, Linda Tate, Mildred Garrett, Margaret Reyes, Shirley Adams.



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auditorium, with music provided by Buck Shaffer and the Fabulous Studio band, and with Bill Rodgers as master of ceremonies. Co-chairmen of the queen selection committee were Kathy Souza, the 1967 Queen, and Ileen Flory.

(Farm Tribune photo)



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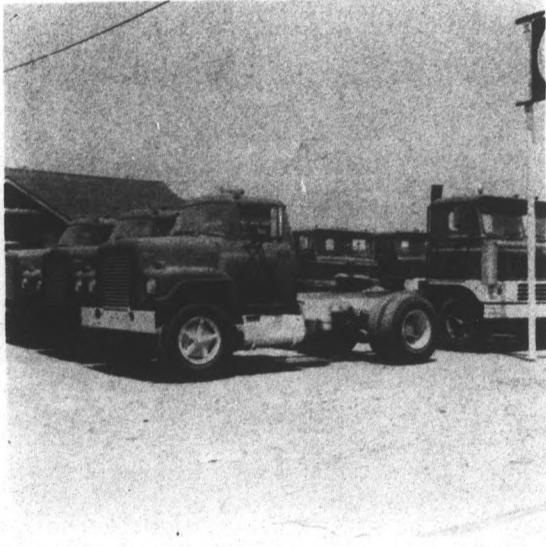
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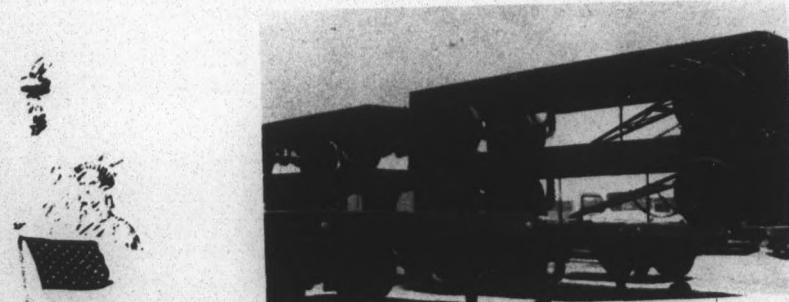
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